

## Briefly

### Enrollment for Head Start

The Family Service and Visiting Nurse Association is now accepting applications for the 1993-94 Head Start school year.

Head Start is a free child-development pre-school program for children from low-income families. The youngsters need to be three or four years old by Sept. 1, 1993. "Head Start is a comprehensive program serving the whole family, giving parents a chance to become involved in their children's learning and help make family life a little easier," a spokesman said.

"Please contact the Head Start Center at 677-2022 in Granite City, or call 677-2027 for Venice residents. To apply, you must bring proof of income, proof of the child's age, and the parents' and child's Social Security numbers." Granite City Head Start is located at the former St. Joseph's School, 2100 Edison Ave. Venice Head Start is at 502 Broadway, Venice.

### Spring meeting

Faith Baptist Church, at the corner of Faith and Myrtle avenues, will host its annual spring preaching meeting Friday through Sunday, May 7-9, at 7 p.m.

Speaking will be Pastor Jack Duplain of Raleigh Springs Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn. Nicknamed the "Ragin' Cajun," he is known for his spirited presentation of the gospel.

All are welcome to attend the services. No offering plate will be passed. Persons may call 876-8429 to request a ride.

## Deaths

Clara Bromann  
Kenneth Campbell  
James Gromer  
Charles Jolly  
Harvey Williamson

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## Lottery

Results in Illinois were:  
May 5, 14-1; Pick 4: 4-3-9-3  
Little Lotto Game  
02-03-04-09-10  
Lotto Game  
30-31-34-37-48-52  
May 4: 1-1-5; Pick 4: 8-8-1-8  
May 3: 9-8-1; Pick 4: 0-0-7-1  
Little Lotto Game  
03-05-08-07-29  
May 2: 3-1-2; Pick 4: 8-5-1-5  
May 1: 6-3-9; Pick 4: 1-0-3-8  
Lotto Game  
13-17-22-28-33-49

## 75 years ago

May 9, 1918  
Twenty of 22 mayors from Madison County met at Edwardsville to discuss improving conditions in their towns. They organized the Madison County Mayors Association. Madison Mayor Ferd A. Garschte suggested formation of a state organization to seek needed legislation.

## Trivia

What was the balance in the state's general funds checkbook as of March 31?

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## Park board ousts Kessel Hires 'coordinator'

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

The Granite City Park District has no director.

Following an hour-and-a-half-long closed session Wednesday night, the Park Board did not re-appoint Steve Kessel to the position.

Park Board President Nancy Sanders-Miles said in a prepared statement that "it is the consensus of a majority of the board that it is in the best interest of the park district that a Director of Parks and Recreation not be appointed at this time and that temporary steps should be taken in the interim."

Those "temporary steps" included offering Kessel a 30-day contract as consultant to the board and offering former Granite City police officer Dave Polivick a contract "to coordinate and supervise the activities of the various departments and activities of the Granite City Park District for an initial period not to exceed three months...with power of the board to extend that period for an additional 30 to 60 days."

If he accepts the personal services contract, Kessel will be paid his regular monthly salary of \$3,000, plus continue to

receive insurance coverage.

Polivick currently works part-time as an investigator for the

Granite City law firm of Becker and Motil. Ron Motil, a partner in the firm, is a park commissioner and was given the job of initiating a search for the new coordinator, according to the minutes of Monday's meeting.

Polivick was to begin work for the park district today at a monthly salary of \$2,500. Commissioner George Sykes confirmed that a minority faction of the board disagreed with the decision not to re-appoint Kessel. He said that the decision was not made for any specific act on Kessel's part, but that some of the commissioners felt

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## Echols: Changes coming

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols is scheduled to make his new appointments May 18 and Alderman John Henry Williams said he wanted to put the mayor on alert.

"You need to get rid of some of these deadheads," Williams said Tuesday night.

"Mr. Mayor, I'm telling you right now I'm not going to just sit here and see the same old deadheads keep their jobs. I'm going to vote against any deadhead, Mr. Mayor, and I just wanted to warn you."

Echols thanked Williams for bringing up the subject of appointments.

"I'm a politician. That's why my name is on the ballot,"

Tyrone Echols

Echols said, "Those who support me are going to be taken care of. I'm not going to apologize for that."

But Echols said he has no intention of "sitting still and getting beat up over people" who don't want to do the job.

"I believe it's in the Good Book about being neither hot nor cold so you get spewed out of the mouth. Well, I'm getting set to do a little spewing, too."

Echols said, "Those people, and I think they know who they are,"

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Granite City's new mayor, Ron Selph, right, is sworn into office by City Clerk Bob Stevens at the start of the City Council meeting Tuesday night. More photos on Page 2A.

## Selph appointments get OK

By Bob Slate  
Staff writer

An admiring, standing-room-only crowd of well over 100 Granite City residents attended Tuesday night's City Council meeting to watch new mayor Ron Selph and five new aldermen be sworn into office and conduct city business.

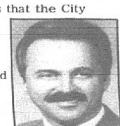
When all was said and done, Selph had managed to push through all 12 of his choices for appointed positions. Ten of them were confirmed by a unanimous vote of the City Council.

Selph said he was pleased at the large turnout and the way the meeting went.

"It just shows that the City Council is willing to cooperate and get on with the business of the city," Selph said Wednesday.

Of Selph's picks, only chiropractor and current School Board President Mark Eavenson's appointment to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners failed to gain approval of a majority of the aldermen.

After a 10-4 vote against the appointment, Selph announced



that he would appoint Eavenson anyway on a temporary, 30-day basis, to fill the expired term of Roger Miller.

That announcement by Selph of the temporary appointment drew cheers from the residents in attendance.

Voting against Eavenson's appointment were Aldermen Casmer Skubish, Judy Whitaker, Jim Miller, Dan Partney, Tom Candler, Sandy Crites, Craig Tarpo and new aldermen Kim Afelter, Freddie Frederick and Bob Page.

Aldermen Paul Fisk and Walter Milton and newly seated aldermen Eddie Asadorian and

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## 50-year sentence for molesting girl

A 54-year-old Granite City man was sentenced Wednesday to 50 years in prison for molesting a 10-year-old girl.

Frank Woods, of the 2400 block of Sunbury, was ordered to serve two consecutive 25-year sentences by Madison County Circuit Court Judge Judge J. Lawrence Keshner. A jury found Woods guilty of two counts of aggravated sexual assault in March.

The incidents allegedly took place in the first four months of 1988.

Though Woods is active in civic and community organizations and has no previous criminal record, Keshner said Woods

chances to be rehabilitated were minimal at best.

"It appears that there are two people inside you, Mr. Woods," he said. "You appear to be a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. You show no remorse."

Nelson Miller, a witness for the state, testified Wednesday that while he and Woods were in custody at the Madison County Jail, Woods offered him more than \$300 to rape and "get rid of" the girl and her mother after they testified against him.

According to a transcript of the conversation, Woods said he wanted the girl and her mother raped, "raped as hard as a per-

son could rape them to do away with them," said Assistant State's Attorney Amy Maher.

Miller, charged with residential burglary, wore a recording device during two conversations with Woods. He said he hopes to get a lesser sentence without jail time for his testimony.

Woods said in comments to the court that he was only "playing with" Miller and had no intention of following through with the plan.

"Sure you're going to have bad feelings, but I'm not going to hurt anyone," he said. "That's not my nature."

## Venice buying used truck

By Mike Myers  
Staff writer

After much discussion, the Venice City Council reaffirmed its decision to purchase a used garbage truck Tuesday.

But a majority of the aldermen appeared to agree it was only a temporary solution.

The aldermen voted March 23 to purchase for \$16,500 a rebuilt 1980 garbage truck that the city was test-driving. The purpose is to replace the city's 1982 garbage truck that has a blown engine.

At that time, Alderman John Ervin and the Street Committee said a new truck would cost \$65,000 and repairs to the broken truck would cost about \$7,800.

The March 23 vote stipulated that Ervin make sure the borrowed truck operated properly during the 30-day trial period and report back to the City Council.

On Tuesday, Ervin said the truck had tested out well. He recommended that the city go ahead and buy the truck.

"And if we can't pick up our garbage, it's an emergency. I don't think there is any argument on that point."

— Tyrone Echols

Alderman Michael Terrell said he wasn't satisfied that the city had adequately looked into the possibility of purchasing a new garbage truck or a newer used garbage truck.

At the March 23 meeting, Ervin said there was a 1989 truck available for \$39,000, Terrell said. Terrell asked why it wouldn't make more sense to invest a little more money for a newer truck that is likely to last longer.

Alderman Silver Franklin, who was the lone person to vote against the purchase

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## Underage drinkers targeted

By Shay Wessol  
Staff writer

With prom and graduation season here, local officials are stepping up the campaign to prevent underage drinking and driving offenses in Madison County.

Members of the DUI Task Force's Community Education Committee, with cooperation with the Madison County state's attorney's office, are urging area hotel and motel managers to help curb underage drinking by informing minors of the charges they could face. They also intend to prosecute violators of those laws.

The state's attorney's office mailed out packets to area hotel and motels.

Included in the information were forms that the businesses could fill out, pledging their cooperation with the campaign.

"We've had a really good response," said Linda Odle, coordinator for the DUI Task Force. "At this point about three-fourths of the forms have been returned."

Parents aiding in underage drinking by renting rooms or buying alcohol for minors can face charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and can also be held accountable for any damages, driving under the influence charges or fatalities.

The Madison County Sheriff's Department is also stepping up patrols

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(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

**Community helper** — Angela McCraw picks through leaves and debris, looking for trash at the Lincoln Place Community Center during the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce annual Stash the Trash day last Saturday. See Sunday's Press-Record/Journal for more photos.



## In with the new...



**New aldermen** — Granite City's new and re-elected aldermen are sworn in by City Clerk Bob Stevens. From left are Kim Affolter, 7th Ward; Craig Tarpoff, 2nd Ward; Casmer Skubish, 1st Ward; Bobby

Page, 1st Ward; Judy Whitaker, 6th Ward; Nick Petrillo, 3rd Ward; Freddie Frederick, 4th Ward; and Eddie Asadorian, 5th Ward.



Granite City Township Assessor Darlene Laub is sworn in by Clerk Bob Stevens for a new four-year term.



City Treasurer Gail Valle takes her oath of office during Tuesday's City Council meeting.



Fourth Ward Alderman Dan Partney, left, presents Mayor Von Dee Cruise with a plaque of appreciation from the aldermanic board and the citizens of Granite City. In the background is alderman Paul Fisk.



Alderman Dan Partney, left, presents retiring alderman Jeff Worthen with a plaque of appreciation from the City Council for his service to Granite City.



Dan Partney, left, presents retiring alderman Andy Timko with a City Council plaque of appreciation for his service to the municipality.



Dan Partney, left, gives retiring alderman Dan Brown a plaque of appreciation from the aldermanic council for his service to the city.

## Conviction of Paula Sims upheld

If Paula Sims is ever to experience life outside of prison, she'll have to hope the Illinois Supreme Court will take up her case.

The 5th District Appellate Court on Mount Vernon upheld her conviction Tuesday, finding Sims had a fair trial and that life in prison without the chance of parole was fitting in a "bizarre and highly publicized case."

Sims' attorney, Donald Groshong of Alton, declined to comment on the 70-page court ruling but said he may file a petition for an appeal with the Illinois Supreme Court.

"I don't comment on pending cases," he said. "It's likely we will take this to the Supreme Court. I have to confer with my client first."

Such an appeal would not automatically be heard by the high court.

The three-judge appellate panel noted Sims' trial testimony about a masked intruder taking a 6-week-old Heather from the family's Alton home in 1989 and a similar story about 13-day-old Loralci's disappearance in Brighton in 1988 were enough to convince a jury of her guilt.

"Sims' ability, alone or as an accomplice, to murder her own 6-week-old daughter without provocation is conduct so cold-blooded it cannot be contemplated. Thus, the court's imposition of a sentence of natural-life imprisonment on (Sims) was not an abuse of discretion," the justices' opinion said.

Sims, 33, said Tuesday in a phone call to the author of a book about the killings that she could understand the appellate court's ruling and that her fate is in God's hands.

Sims' mother, Nylene Blew of Cottage Hills, said Tuesday she was not surprised.

"I had a feeling it would turn out this way," Blew said. "I'm not paying for lawyers anymore. I don't know what the use is. Paula is doing as well as can be expected, but this is really going

to disappoint her."

Prosecutors rejoiced in the decision written by Justice W.A. Lewis with Justices J. Shonkwer and Gordon Maag concurring.

"I couldn't be happier," said Don Weber, a former Madison County assistant state's attorney who prosecuted Sims and later wrote a best-selling book about the case. "This was our biggest hurdle. The first appeal is the most important because it's the first and only complete review of the case."

"I really thought all along it would be affirmed. I wasn't sure about the sentence, but as it turned out, they had some really harsh things to say about Paula."

Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine said, "I'm very pleased. I have always said there was no reversible error in that case. We had her on the evidence and she drew the line in the sand twice and defied the people of Illinois to prove her guilt of killing her babies."

Haine contended that most of the evidence against Sims was circumstantial but said it was more than enough to prove her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. He credited trial prosecutors Weber and Kit Morrissey, the Alton Police Department and the Illinois State Police.

Sims was found guilty in January 1990 of first-degree murder, two counts of obstructing justice and concealment of a homicidal death in Heather's death.

Sims contended she was denied a fair trial and that the sentence was excessive in light of the evidence. Among the major points in her appeal, Sims contended Judge Andy Mateosian was wrong in allowing testimony about Loralci's death and allowing surprise testimony from a medical examiner, which refuted the believability of Sims' abduction story.

The appellate court rejected all the arguments.

"The court looked at every aspect and didn't find any error," Weber said.

## Felony warrants issued

Several Madison County residents were named in felony warrants issued by Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine during the week of April 26. Those named include:

\*Michael D. Gregory, 19, and Lamor Gregory, 22, both of the 1000 block of Market in Venice, were charged with one count of unlawful possession of cannabis with an intent to deliver and one count of unlawful possession of a controlled substance. Venice Police allege the two men possessed between 10 and 30 grams of cannabis and less than 1 gram of cocaine on April 3. Bond was set at \$50,000.

\*Lonnie R. Pointer, 24, of the 2800 block of Ralph Street in

Granite City, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance. Venice Police allege that Pointer possessed less than 15 grams of cocaine on March 28. Bond was set at \$5,000.

\*Harry L. Crews, 27, of the 2800 block of Palmer in Granite City, was charged with driving while license revoked on April 3. Bond was set at \$15,000.

\*Mark A. Breeden, 31, of the 1300 block of Washington in Madison, was charged with residential burglary. Madison police allege that Breeden entered a residence in the 1300 block of Washington with the intent to commit a theft. Bond was set at \$75,000.

## Police log

### Granite City

#### Lack of lights cited

David R. Mayer, 31, of the 2100 block of Washington Avenue, was arrested at 3:09 a.m. May 1 for driving under the influence of alcohol, failure to use headlights when required, and improper lane usage.

An officer reported seeing a red 1981 Chevrolet Corvair with its headlights out and weaving from lane to lane in the 1600 block of Madison Avenue.

Mayer, the driver, took two field sobriety tests, refused to take a breath analysis test and was charged.

#### DUI alleged by police

Jesse A. Byrd, 27, of the 3300 block of Terrace Lane, was arrested at 2:06 a.m. May 1 for driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to use headlights when required.

An officer reported seeing a gray Mercury Cougar with its headlights off on Johnson Road and on Nameki Road.

Byrd, the driver, took two field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. He posted his driver's license and \$184 cash as bail.

#### Domestic charge filed

Ricky L. Winn, 26, of the 2300 block of Washington Avenue, was arrested at 1:20 a.m. May 1 for domestic battery.

He is alleged to have grabbed his wife around the neck and beat her head against the floor, according to a police report. He was lodged pending \$107 bail.

### Alton motorist charged

Lee Von Perry Sr., 33, of Alton, was arrested at 9:19 p.m. April 30 for driving under the influence of alcohol, speeding, illegal transportation of alcohol and driving while his license was revoked.

An officer reported clocking a blue 1981 Oldsmobile Regency at 70 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone on Highway 3 at North Street.

Three open bottles of alcohol were found in the car, according to a police report.

Perry, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. He was lodged pending \$302 bail.

#### Check forgery alleged

Victor Basil Williams, 21, of the 1300 block of Morrison Road, was arrested at 3:30 p.m. April 30 on warrants charging him with three counts of forgery.

Bond on the warrants is \$15,000 each.

Williams is alleged to have written checks, totaling more than \$1,600, to the Granite City Steel Credit Union in early February. The checks were written against a closed account, according to a police report.

#### DUI arrest on Johnson

Mary Anne Svezia, 47, of the 2800 block of Fortune Drive, was arrested at 12:22 a.m. April 30 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported seeing a brown 1979 Pontiac Bonneville weaving between lanes on Johnson Road.

Svezia, the driver, took three field sobriety tests and a breath analysis test and was charged. She posted her driver's license and cash bail and was released.

(Staff photos by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)



# County could be facing \$1.4 million deficit next year

By Shay Wessol  
Staff writer

Madison County could be facing a \$1.4 million deficit in its general fund next year if current financial trends continue. And with major capital expenditures waiting in limbo, such as much-needed renovation of the Juvenile Detention Home, board members are going to be faced with some tough decisions, said Fred Bathon, county auditor.

"These projections are based on spending trends over the last several years," Bathon said. "The board can change the final outcome."

The projections are part of a financial analysis the county conducts several times a year to keep an eye on spending, said County Administrator Jim Monday.

"We don't want to wake up one morning and find out we don't have enough money for payroll," he said.

The general fund pays for about half of the county government, Monday said.

At the end of last year, there was \$9.7 million available to fund upcoming projects that have not been budgeted.

If the finance committee recommends spending some of that money, it will impact future years, he said.

Board policy is to keep at least three months' reserve, about \$5 million, in county coffers.

The main question facing policymakers now is how much of the remaining money can be spent while maintaining the fiscal integrity of the fund, Monday said.

Meanwhile, agencies like the Juvenile Detention Home must be patient. While it seems the county is dragging its feet on issues, the reality is that officials must find the best solution, and the least costly, Monday said.

For the past two years, the Juvenile Detention Home has been under fire from state officials for violations of state codes, including overcrowding, inadequate plumbing and restrooms, and the lack of a sprinkler system.

After voters on April 20 rejected

## Tax rate stays the same

Taxpayers are safe for now, but Madison County officials are making no guarantees.

The county's tax rate is virtually the same as last year. County Auditor Fred Bathon told the County Board's Finance Committee that the rate is 85.19 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, compared with 84.97 cents last year. He had forecast a slight decrease.

"We projected a slightly higher assessed valuation increase than actually happened," he told the committee Thursday.

The rate is based on the valuation and the amount of money the county levies in taxes.

County Director of Administration James Monday said he was pleased with the tiny increase.

The rate is about the same as last year although the (tax) levy is up about 4 percent," he said.

Bathon, however, brought the committee other figures that were not as appealing. While the county's budget should remain in balance during the current fiscal year, deficits loom as early as fiscal 1994, which begins Dec. 1, he said.

"In fiscal 1994, based on current trends ... we're showing a \$1.4 million deficit," Bathon said.

One of those trends is the threatened termination of local government subsidies from the state income tax surcharge enacted several years ago. Gov. Jim Edgar wants to keep local governments' share to help the state budget. County and municipal officials are lobbying to save the revenue.

The surcharge will pump about \$800,000 into the county treasury this year.

The county may have to dip into a \$9.7 million reserve and that eventually would cause cash flow problems, Bathon said.

Chances of finding added revenues are not good, Monday said. "We're already tapped out on what we can get in terms of revenue," he said.

Monday said the county faces two expensive problems that demand urgent attention: repairs to the county jail's roof and bringing the juvenile detention home up to state standards.

There have been suggestions the county could dip into its reserves to renovate the detention home in the wake of rejection last week by voters of a 2-cent temporary tax hike to renovate the existing home and build an addition, a \$4 million project.

ed a special 2-cent property tax to renovate and expand the building, county officials must go back to the drawing board and devise another proposed solution.

"I don't see how the board can build a new detention home, because there is not \$4 million available, so we need to do something less," Monday said.

"The county board had honestly concluded that the bond issue was the best solution to the problem. Now we have to find the second-best solution."

That could take several months of meetings, Monday said.

The Madison County Jail needs

## Childrens' rights get boost in bill

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Jim Edgar is winning his battle to give more weight to child welfare in decisions on putting abused children back in the home.

The Senate Judiciary Committee endorsed a measure Tuesday to change the 1988 state law that puts a priority on keeping families together. The law applies to abused children taken into custody of the Department of Children and Family Services.

Department Director Sterling Ryder told the committee Tuesday that the current law makes it difficult to remove a child from a troubled home, even if it is considered in the child's best interest.

The 1988 law "sent a very strong signal to the department, judges and lawyers working in this area. It made it a very difficult decision to remove a child when it was in the child's best interest."

The new direction in state law came after the recent hanging death of a 3-year-old boy in Chicago. He was allegedly killed by his mother, who had a history of mental illness. She lost custody of her son three times but he was repeatedly returned to her.

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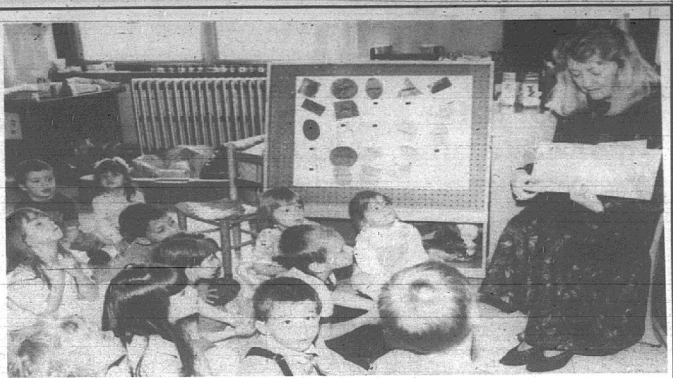
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**Guest reader —** Betty Nighohossian, director of special education for Granite City School District 9, was a guest story teller in Beth Ortbals' early-childhood class at Marshall School as part of a "Week of the Young Child" celebration.

## Vadalabene return unlikely

Illness keeps senator home

SPRINGFIELD — Sen. Sam Vadalabene says it is unlikely he will return to the Statehouse before the current session ends.

"I won't say there is not any chance I will be back, but the chances are slim," he said in a phone interview from his home Monday.

Vadalabene, a 23-year member of the Senate, has not been in the capital since July because of health problems.

Legislative leaders are pushing to finish the spring session by May 28, more than a month earlier than usual.

Once one of the most prolific sponsors of legislation, the Edwardsville Democrat is only a ceremonial co-sponsor on some bills this spring.

Kidney dialysis treatments for diabetes three times a week prevent him from returning to Springfield. "I don't see them lessening that," he said.

"I just don't feel good at all about it. I was a very active senator, and not being up there has taken a lot out of me," the 79-year-old senator said.

But he said he doesn't plan to resign his seat, a two-year term because of redistricting that

ends in January 1995. He will face re-election in November 1994 if he runs.

"I haven't had anybody tell me to resign. They tell me to hang in there."

Senate colleagues and constituents have called with support, and Vadalabene said he pursues his job with phone calls and letters.

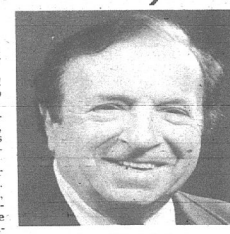
Some of the letters ask him for his vote on various bills. Although he is unable to do that, Vadalabene said the fact Democrats became a minority in the Senate this year and Republicans now dictate the agenda of which bills will pass made his vote less significant.

"I'm not saying my vote isn't important, but when you're in a majority party it counts more."

Vadalabene said Gov. Jim Edgar's office has continued to contact him about local projects involving state money even though he has been confined to home. He also said he continues to make phone calls to his constituents on behalf of the district.

"It's a two-way street, and that street's been well-oiled."

Vadalabene resigned all his committee assignments in



Sam Vadalabene

March 30 Senate Democratic Leader Emil Jones could name replacements.

Vadalabene, tied with Sen. Kenneth Hall, D-East St. Louis, as the senior member, has yet to see his new office in the Statehouse. He and other Democrats had to move in January when Republicans took over the Senate for the first time in 18 years.

Vadalabene's Springfield aide, Patricia Clark, moved to the smaller quarters and had to store many of the senator's plaques and other mementos.

From the Alton Telegraph

## Lobbyists' bill gets committee's OK

SPRINGFIELD — A House committee, without opposition or debate, sent on to the full House a bill endorsed by the Senate that will require significantly more disclosure by lobbyists of money spent to influence state government. The bill is being pushed by Secretary of State George Ryan and is expected to be signed into law.

A Senate committee approved a bill allowing the Secretary of State's Office to implement a pilot program using ignition interlock devices. The devices require drivers pass a breathalyzer test before vehicles will

start. People facing loss of driving privileges under DUI laws could opt for the cost of installing and renting the devices. The bill has passed the House.

A Senate committee endorsed a bill allowing communities of

more than 100, within 10 miles of an interstate, to install signs pointing out the nearest exit to those communities. The House has already approved the measure.

From the Alton Telegraph

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Dal Maxvill  
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St. Louis Baseball Cardinals

Thursday, May 13, 1993

Elks Lodge  
4801 Maryville Road, Granite City, Illinois

Hospitality - 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Tickets — \$15.00 Per Person  
Tables of Eight

Please RSVP by May 10, 1993



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**Campaign kickoff** — Protestant Welfare Association recently held its pastors' appreciation luncheon and kicked off its community-wide Development Fund campaign. Denise Wright, Protestant Welfare president, presents the Rev. Mike Hopkins, pastor of City Temple, with a lock whose key is the Development Fund goal of \$125,000.

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## Editorials

### There's life after election

The April election is fading from memory and the newly-elected municipal governments are taking their seats and facing the realities of running their respective communities.

In a year characterized by close elections, it may appear that the people haven't given anyone a mandate. That may be partially true — no one candidate can claim a clear mandate from the voters.

But the truth is that, looking at the election results, the voters of the area have given the elected officials a very clear mandate: No one person, party, alliance or contingent has a monopoly on good ideas and therefore everyone's ideas must be heard and considered.

This cannot be done in the traditional framework of "good-old-boys" and the "loyal opposition." The new governments must be willing to put their electoral enemies in policy-influencing positions, place them on the "real committees" and not hide them away on some "fluff committee," and give them true input in the operation of the government.

Dissenting opinions must be given a full hearing, not summarily dismissed because the source was an enemy in the election. Every elected official should remember — should repeat before the mirror each morning, if necessary — that it is possible, and even healthy, to occasionally find yourself agreeing with your opponents and disagreeing with your friends.

The voters in April made it clear they care nothing about political alliances. Instead, they want to be led by good people with good ideas. And each and every official was elected because, in the view of the voters, that official fit that description.

The voters know the election is over. Regardless of how they voted, the voters now want their leaders to work together to provide the very best possible government.

The election should be over for the officials as well. How an official voted April 20 means nothing now. What is important now is that all officials be given the chance to prove they are deserving of the trust and confidence given by the people who elected them.

### Reforms, investment can renew America's outlook, Clinton says

TO THE EDITOR: This is the season of America's renewal.

Already, in the first few months of this new Administration, we have restored an active purpose to the presidency and renewed America's commitment to change and progress.

After 12 years of national drift and economic decline, we have begun to chart a clear path to growth with my New Directions economic plan, designed to create jobs, boost incomes, move our economy from consumption to investment, and reduce our deficit dramatically.

The investments in my economic plan embrace priorities that will raise the living standards and profits of workers and businesses for the long-term; rebuild America's infrastructure; commit resources and attention to the education and training needs of our students and workers; and restore vital incentives that reward productivity, profits, innovation and investment.

The Clinton budget — the outline of my economic plan for New Directions — passed the Congress in record-setting time.

It reduces deficit spending by more than \$500 billion, a plan so credible that the markets continue to reduce interest rates on the American people.

These interest-rate reductions, coupled with steps taken by my Administration to deal with the credit crunch, mean American businesses, farms and consumers have money to save, spend, invest and grow.

I want to be the president who helps the American people realize their call for change.

Enormous changes are sweeping our economy. Inevitable defense cutbacks are forcing military bases to close, causing defense manufacturers to lose markets and cut jobs.

Problems in the health care industry have caused massive layoffs in aerospace firms and among the domestic carriers. America's economic partners abroad are beating American companies in the race for markets in the future.

That's why my economic program will help the American people turn these changes into real economic progress.

I have offered a \$20 billion, five-year initiative to reinvest in workers, communities and companies affected by cuts in military spending.

I have formed a commission to recommend real changes in federal policy to help restart our aviation and aerospace industry, and I have provided an enterprise-oriented aid initiative to save the Russian democracy and spur American economic growth.

Beyond growth, Americans want a return to responsibility in our schools, our communities, and our economy.

And in that spirit, this Administration is leading the way: by reforming welfare to make it a second chance, not a way of life; by reforming the health care system to provide health security to every American and bring rising costs under control; by making national service opportunities available to students so that they can exchange opportunities for education with community service.

Finally, I am working to give the government back to the American people.

At the beginning of my Administration, I announced my decision to cut the White House staff by 25 percent and eliminate the kinds of perks and privileges which isolate federal workers from the people they are supposed to serve.

I have cut billions from the budgets of federal agencies and departments, telling them they must do more with less.

I have appointed Vice President Gore to head the National Performance Review, which will oversee our efforts to streamline government, eliminate waste and make our government more accountable to the American people.

I am committed to bringing this presidency directly to the people through such things as town meetings and electronic mail with the White House.

And the vice president and I will continue to participate in regional events like the "Forest Conference," a meeting which sought solutions for the environmental and economic problems of the Pacific Northwest.

Most importantly, I am committed to enacting tough campaign finance and lobbying reform legislation to drive special-interest dealing out of politics.

What will come from what we accomplish here — more economic growth, comprehensive health and welfare reform, a new system of national service, a government that once again belongs to the people — are new opportunities for achievement, empowerment and progress for Americans who work hard and play by the rules.

It means a new direction for us all. It is, indeed, America's season of renewal.

BILL CLINTON, President

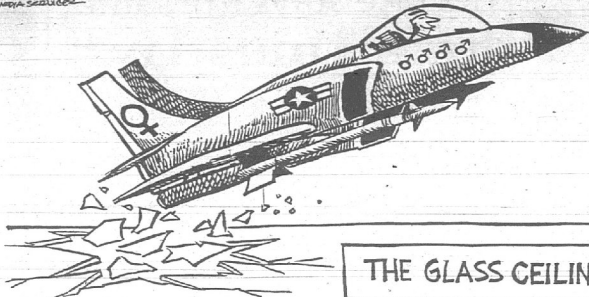
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### THE GLASS CEILING

## Feverish Capitol pace as May 28 draws nearer

(By Matt Krasnowski  
of Copley News Service)

A silent "massacre" in Illinois' General Assembly at Springfield is approaching.

This is the time of year in the legislature that lobbyists and lawmakers are in overdrive, hyperventilating over bills that they have spent too many hours studying.

State lawmakers and their staffers have been walking around the Capitol bleary-eyed over the hundreds of bills and amendments they are drafting and debating.

This feverish pace has been turned up a notch as lawmakers try to complete their business by the newly created adjournment date of May 28.

But much of this exhaustion is for naught.

For example, freshman state Rep. Coy Pugh, D-Chicago, works hard at building consensus for his proposal to reform the parole system for prison inmates under the state's old sentencing system.

The nearly 700 inmates convicted before 1978 who are still in prison — known as "C-numbers" — must annually go before the state's Prison Review Board to determine whether they should be released.

### Our guest

Inmates convicted after 1978 were under a system known as "determinant" sentencing in which they generally know the date of their release.

Under current law, C-numbers must be interviewed annually by at least one board member and that member must report back to the full 12-member board for its consideration.

One of Pugh's bills would require that at least three members be in attendance at the interview and those three members would rule on the inmate's release, not the full board.

Another bill would require the board to give C-numbers set time sentences like the 30,000 other inmates in the state.

Pugh worked hard with his freshman colleagues and veterans to get these controversial bills out of the House Judiciary II Committee and onto the House floor.

In the Senate, a group of reform-minded conservative freshmen Republicans, led by Sen. Peter G. Fitzgerald of Illinois, are proposing a so-called "truth in budgeting" bill that would revamp the way Illi-

nois plans its spending process. The state would have to use Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in its budgeting process.

In effect, the state could no longer allow late payments to state service providers pile up without recognizing that as a debt.

Theoretically this is a fine idea, although its implementation would be tricky, officials say.

The measure was endorsed by a Senate committee and will most likely receive full Senate approval.

Despite the pitfalls facing both Pugh's and Fitzgerald's bills, the legislators are truly committed to their bills and the proposals are due their fair share of debate.

But even if the bills find their way across the Capitol rotunda, they can expect a rude reception on the other side.

One of the complexities of the current General Assembly that the state has not seen in more than a decade is a split legislature.

Republicans control the Senate and Democrats have control of the House.

So, while Pugh may be able to receive approval in his chamber and likewise for Fitzgerald, House Democrats will most likely force some advice for those who want to see bills approved in future sessions.

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Otherwise, your bill could be a victim of future legislative massacres.

most likely bury Pugh's bills. Fitzgerald and other Republicans will be unlikely to see their bills make it out of what is known as the House Rules Committee, a Democrat-dominated forum that determines whether or not bills should be considered further in the chamber.

The Senate Rules Committee, controlled by Republicans, has the same power and will most likely do the same with Democratic measures.

Even if they do clear the rules committees, the measures could see defeat in the regular standing committees.

While it is easy to be curmudgeonly and say most of this legislation is worthless, by this stage in the process that is not always the case.

Most of these bills are not of great concern to all of Illinois, but they are important to many Illinois industries and the special-interest groups that compose the entire state.

Here is some advice for those who want to see bills approved in future sessions.

Don't waste your energy on legislation unless you know you'll be able to build a bipartisan consensus in both legislative chambers.

Otherwise, your bill could be a victim of future legislative massacres.

## Letters

### People need to care for others

TO THE EDITOR:

On a recent evening around 6:50, I was very unsettling "wake-up call."

While we were on our way out to dinner, my husband, my daughter, and myself were detained by a car stopped on the road, slightly over the center line.

The driver, the only occupant in the car, was slightly slumped over.

My husband and I got out of our car to make sure he hadn't had a stroke or heart attack. I recognized him and asked him if he felt OK.

He tried to focus his eyes and look at me and said he was OK. My husband asked him if he'd been drinking and he said "yes."

A neighbor stopped his truck and I told him what street the gentleman lived on. He moved him across the seat and drove him home. We followed to give him a ride back to his truck.

I felt so badly for the man that I felt like crying. When we were his "drinking buddies" when he needed them?

Somebody was sober enough to call him a cab. What about the establishment where he had been drinking? They served him and watched him stagger out the door.

How could anyone who cared about him at all let him leave and drive away in such an extreme state of intoxication that he just stopped in the middle of a street on the way home?

I doubt that I'd feel much sympathy for the gentleman at the heart of this letter if he had injured my beautiful 11-year-old daughter or even an innocent animal because of his decision to drink.

He has a responsibility to himself and the community to get help, but that doesn't exempt all of us.

I am more angry at those people who kept serving him drinks, the "friends" who watched, laughed, and let him leave, possibly killing himself or others.

We all need to become more

responsible for each other, helping someone in crisis. When we do, we indirectly help everyone.

For all the drunk drivers who have killed innocent victims — all it would have taken is one person who cared enough to stop the person home safely or just call a cab.

I wrote this letter to say I will never again decide to ignore my gut feelings and "mind my own business."

For someone else and leaving a mess for someone else to clean up is uncaring, lazy, and irresponsible.

It would take just a small act of caring to begin to spread a message of peace and love for each other.

Changing the world begins with one small act of love.

Each of us can make it a better place by beginning to look out for one another.

AMY L. GROVES

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American Steel). Together, we built a trademark known all over the world. It is a shame that this union has been divided.

I certainly could not leave a growing steelworking body to retire until the greatest workforce in the world had arrived at such.

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PHILLIP STEWART

Alliance, Ohio

### Avoid secrecy in the future

TO THE EDITOR: I'm disappointed in the people of Granite City.

I cannot understand why the voters elected Ron Selph (as mayor April 20).

I know nobody knows the whole story of Mr. Selph's secret retirement. Well, I must say, how can the people elect someone who has a shadow of doubt lurking over their head?

Mr. Selph has never said, "I am innocent." He has always said he was cleared of all charges.

My question is this: If he is truly innocent, why was a secret agreement between him and the city necessary? How can the people be blind and overlook such an agreement? This question of doubt should have made a difference.

I will concede that Mr. Selph is our new mayor. I just hope he will do everything he says without having to make secret agreements with anyone in the future.

JOE DESHON

Granite City

### Operate Ohio and local plants

TO THE EDITOR:

As I sit in Alliance, Ohio, my thoughts seem to focus on the recent articles in the Granite City Press-Record.

The staff writer, Mike Myers, gave an interesting report on the future of (American Steel Foundries) steelworkers in Granite City.

As a steelworker myself, I hope that this great workforce recently discovered by Buddy Davis, district director of the United Steelworkers of America, receives their just desert for the union dues paid for total union protection in collective bargaining with the employer.

I must leave before my message gets to a point that may disturb the recent picture of a glossy future in quality assurance as the best product of railroad body parts to railroad customers.

I can only say that it looked good on paper, but we better review these articles later.

I would hope the railroad industry will need both the Ohio plant and the Illinois plant (of

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# Lifestyle

## Training for Shoney's job completed



Maxine Green

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Richard Perigo Jr. celebrated his second birthday April 23 at a party given for him by his parents, Richard and Donna Perigo, in Wilson Park.

Larney and Baby Bop was the theme for the occasion and decorations for birthday cake, which was served to his grandparents, Ora and Ada Tindell, and son Jason; grandmother, Betty Perigo; uncle Kevin Perigo; great-aunt Betty Vandiger; great-grandmother Gladys Ray; aunt Marcella Staggs; and cousin Shirley Mims and daughters Ashley and Kelly.

Kimberly Moulden of Wichita, Kan., accompanied by her daughter, Amanda Jean Marie, spent the weekend visiting her parents, Tom and Kathy Green Sr. and other relatives in this area. She also visited her brother, Tom Green Jr., in St. Louis.

Jason Brown, son of James and Pam Shean of Maryville Road, has returned home from Nashville, Tenn., after completing training to become a manager for one of the Shoney's Restaurants. In the near future he will be assigned to one of the local restaurants.

Randy Moulden of Liberty, Kan., has returned to his home after visiting his parents, Charles and Carol Moulden, and family and other relatives.

## Libraries of future to be discussed

"Will libraries of the 21st century have any books?" will be the topic May 12 during a dialogue with senior citizens at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Sponsored by the Gerontology Program at the University, the presentation will begin at 1 p.m. in the Mississippi/Illinois Room of the University Center.

Paul L. Anthony, technical services librarian at Lovejoy Library, will present the program.

This presentation will explore how libraries will operate during the next century. "While the escalating costs of printed materials have steadily eroded the ability of contemporary libraries to acquire most new books and periodicals, new electronic information technologies for accessing both local and remote computer databases have exploded the amount of information being sought after by current library patrons, particularly in the academic setting," Anthony said.

The sessions are free and open to the public. Transportation is available at the Edwardsville Senior Citizens Center, located at 1003 N. Main St. A bus leaves the center for the campus at 12:30 p.m. each Wednesday.

For information, call 692-3454.

## Alzheimer's group to meet Monday

The St. Louis Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will host "Caring for the Alzheimer's Victim: An Educational Program for the Illinois Caregiver."

The informational program will be 7 p.m. Monday, May 10, in Room 201 at Collinsville High School.

The free program will feature a panel of speakers answering questions about the illness and providing a discussion of options available to patients and their caregivers.

Panelists include: Dr. Mary Agne of the Belleville Family Practice clinic; Bonnie Harmon of O'Fallon, a doctoral student at the St. Louis University School of Nursing; Mary Coats of Collinsville, a registered nurse with the Memory and Aging Project at Washington University; and Jan McGillicik, director of education for the Alzheimer's Association.

Refreshments and a question and answer session will follow the presentation.

For more information call the Alzheimer's Association at (314) 432-3422.

## Arts Festival here Thursday

### Art, band departments to honor senior members

The art and band departments at Granite City Senior High School will honor their senior class members today (Thursday) during the annual Fine Arts Festival. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

The art department will use all three art rooms to display work from this entire school year by freshman, sophomore and junior students.

Graduating seniors with majors in art will have their own displays set up in the main hallway. They will be displaying work from all four years at the high school.

Senior art majors are: Brian Cave, Jim Clutts, Gena Gann, Jason Starko, Jason Stickle, Travis Stroder, Young Sim Sun and Mark Thornberry.

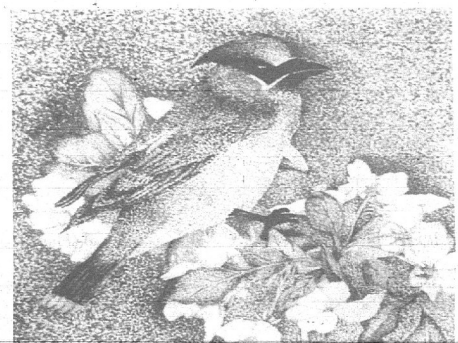
Media included in this large exhibit are: oil paint, water color, pen and ink, tempera, ceramics, gouche, colored pencil, graphite pencil, cray-pas, fluorescent paints, scratch board and felt tip pens.

The art show is free and will be open throughout the evening so the art work can be viewed both before and after the band concert. The music portion of the Fine Arts Festival will feature Professor Eric Mandat from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale on the clarinet, and Barbara Hunter from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville on the french horn as soloists, performing with the Concert Band.

The performance time is 7:30 p.m. and the band will honor its twelve graduating senior members.

Senior band members are: Stacie Ahlers, Kim Annable, Jason Carter, Michael Corrado, Jr., Michael Davis, Derek DeJarnett, Jennifer Heil, Chris Johnson, Heather Nail, Jeremy Reuter, Kathy Schuedake, and Bryan Weiser.

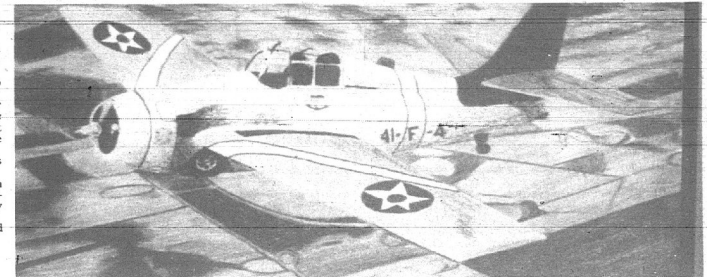
Admission to the concert is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for students, and free to season ticket holders.



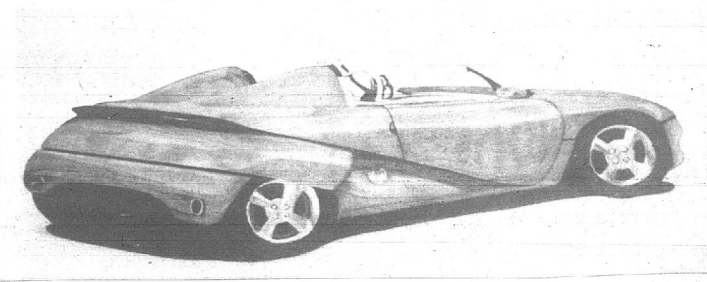
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Colored pencil drawing by Amy Boring.



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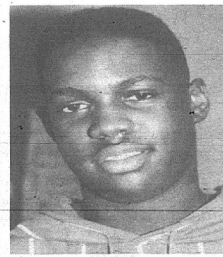
Magic marker and colored pencil drawing by Ryan Szymarek.



Carrie Knapp



Farris Smith



Michael Pritchard



Adam Brown



Maggie Silva

By Pam Doepke-Hurd.

## YOUTH FOCUS: Do you think school should be year-round?

(Asked of sophomore students at Granite City, Madison and Venice high schools.)

**Eric Terrell, Granite City**  
"No, I don't. Students need a break between school years to give their minds a rest. And what better time to take a break than summer?"

**Corey Kessler, Granite City**  
"I do not think school should be year-round because the students of Granite City would become very restless and burnt out."

**Eric Hahn, Granite City**  
"No, I think it will bore the kids of this nation. I know I would be. We need a vacation."

**Jonathan Reeder, Granite City**  
"School shouldn't be year-round. Kids, as well as teachers, need the summer off to

take a break and have some fun. If we went year-round, I think everyone would go crazy from the need for a break."

**Nick Novadich, Granite City**  
"No, I believe everyone needs a break from time to time. Even machines break down eventually, and students are definitely not machines."

**Carrie Knapp, Madison**  
"I don't think that school should be year-round because the students need a break from learning and the teachers need a break from putting up with us. I don't think Ms. Hackett could put up with us all year. Nine months is long enough."

**Adam Brown, Madison**  
"I feel that going to school year-round would be greatly unappreciated by many. The new schedule would disrupt the way of life that we are accustomed to. We would lose most of our summer and winter vacation, and anyone who has a job would be put under much more stress. Changing the school year-round, but I do think if students don't take their work seriously, the school's hours should be extended."

**Maggie Silva, Madison**  
"I don't believe it should be year-round, but I do think if students don't take their work seriously, the school's hours should be extended."

**Michael Pritchard, Madison**  
"I believe school should not be all year long. The attendance in

school would drop because students are tired of school. School should also not be year-round because it will take more money to operate."

**Farris Smith, Madison**  
"I don't believe school should be year-round because the students need a break from studying and taking tests. Also, the teachers would probably want a break themselves from grading papers and teaching."

**Annie Lyons, Venice**  
"I do not believe school should be year-round because students need a break every once in a while. Some students barely make it through the year with all the activities they are

involved in at school and at home. I feel we should have time to take care of business not involving school at home so that it won't take away from the time we have to learn."

**Kenneth Jackson, Venice**  
"No, because students should have time in the summer to rest their minds."

**Antwon Anderson, Venice**  
"I don't think so because students should have a time to rest from all of the painstaking school work that we have."

**Turen Davis, Venice**  
"No, I don't think so because it would take away our summer activities."



## Briefly

## BAC registration under way

Registration is now under way for summer and fall classes at Belleville Area College's three campuses in Belleville, Granite City and Red Bud. Registration began April 26.

Students may register in person from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at all three BAC campuses.

Students may register by telephone from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday at all three campuses by calling 1-800-BAC-5131, ext. 455, or 235-2700, Belleville; 931-0600, Granite City; and 292-6882, Red Bud.

Students may register for summer classes until June 4. The first day of classes is Monday, June 7. Students may register late the week of June 7 if they obtain the proper authorization. Registration for fall classes will last until Aug. 20.

Last year, more than 3,000 students were registered at all three BAC campuses on the first day of registration, said Lee Knoebel, registrar.

"Hopefully, every student will get the classes they want. We just ask everyone to be patient," Knoebel said.

## Session to focus on India, Pakistan

"India and Pakistan: On a Collision or Compromise Course?" will be the topic of the May 12 session of the Great Decisions Program at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Offered by the Office of Continuing Education, the non-credit programs meet Wednesdays in the Mississippi Room of the University Center from 9:50 until 11:30 a.m.

Great Decisions is sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association, a nonpartisan, nonprofit, independent organization devoted to world devoted to world affairs education for the general public.

Registration is \$1 for individual programs. A book, which provides background reading material on each of the topics, is optional, but highly recommended.

## Ecumenical conference planned

An Ecumenical Liturgical Conference will be held at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Tuesday, May 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Dr. Tom Dooley Center.

Sponsored by the Gateway Ecumenical Forum in collaboration with the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, the conference will address the topic of Ministry. The Rev. Michael Kinnamon, dean and professor of Theology and Ecumenical Studies at Lexington Theological Seminary, will be the guest speaker.

Other speakers are: Bishop Leroy C. Hodapp, Evansville, Ind., past president of the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society; the Rev. John W. Riggs, visiting professor of Historical Theology at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis; and the Rev. Hays H. Rockwell, bishop coadjutor, Episcopal Church, Diocese of Missouri.

A special evening for deacons of all denominations will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity to meet deacons of other denominations and discuss the role of diaconate in their various Christian churches.

Registration is suggested by May 10. For more information and/or registration for the conference, contact Barb Reynolds at the Shrine, 397-6700.

## Rabies clinic in Chouteau next Wednesday

A rabies control clinic will be held Wednesday, May 12, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Chouteau Township highway garage, located at 906 Thorngate Drive (behind the Midwest Hotel) in Mitchell.

Babies vaccinations and other disease preventative shots will be available at a nominal fee.

"All Chouteau Township residents are being urged to take advantage of this service for the benefit of your pets and family," a spokesman said.

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## Bill's advance said to endanger CUB

SPRINGFIELD — The Citizens Utility Board, which has kept its eye on consumer interests for the past eight years, could be on its own deathwatch.

A bill that CUB officials say was prompted by utility companies wanting to kill the organization passed a House committee Monday after earlier passing the Senate.

If the same coalition of Republicans and black Democrats holds in the full House and Gov. Jim Edgar signs the bill, the organization's main fund-raising device would be terminated.

The legislation would not immediately shut down CUB, but "We couldn't last very long and effectively do our job," said a grim-faced Martin Cohen, CUB associate director.

Virtually all of CUB's members have been solicited under a law allowing the board to include material in official state mailings, such as driver's license renewal statements.

The House Public Utilities Committee, on a 8-3 vote, sent to the full House a bill that gives hundreds of other non-profit organizations access to state mailings ahead of CUB. Those organizations range from the American Red Cross to the United Negro College Fund to United Way agencies.

Cohen said the legislation would effectively shut out CUB from using the state mailings for a minimum of 15 years and probably hundreds of years.

He and committee members

backing CUB charged the bill was really an attempt by the state's utilities to eliminate an agency that has opposed their rate increase requests.

House sponsor Rep. Larry Wenlund, R-New Lenox, said the bill was prompted by a request from the Red Cross chapter in his area, then it was decided to add other worthy groups. He also said CUB could go door to door and solicit contributions and shouldn't have to rely on state mailings.

Rep. Jan Schakowski, D-Evanston, noted none of the other organizations that would be allowed to use the mailings had testified in support of the bill. "They know they are being used as pawns to kill CUB," Schakowski said.

Rep. Mary Flowers, D-Chicago, who joined the two other black members of the committee in voting for the bill, ripped CUB for not hiring enough minority staffers.

Cohen questioned why, if the measure wasn't really aimed at CUB, the bill would be sent to the Public Utilities Committee, which he said has been hostile to consumer interests this year.

Committee Chairman Rep. Shirley Jones, D-Chicago, who also joined the Republicans in supporting the bill and who has sponsored pro-utility bills this spring, at first refused to allow Cohen to testify, but other members strongly objected.

— From the Alton Telegraph



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**Shrubby donated** — The Women's Division of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce has donated five taxus yews to the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame. From left are Kathy Goclan, vice president of the division; Linda Keish, division beautification chairman; Rose Stern, division president; and Van Stuart, a Women's Division director.

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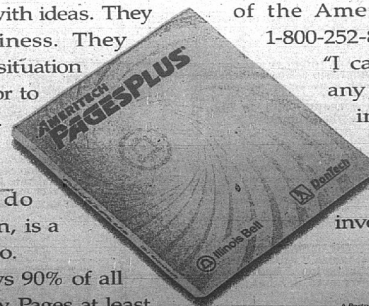


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Singing the National Anthem at opening ceremonies of the Senior Olympics are, from left, Helen Meyer, Jim Campbell and Louisa Hall, all of Granite City.

## Senior Olympics gets under way

Heavy drizzle could not stop Guy Sibley from running or throwing the discus. At age 95, he's seen quite a bit of bad weather.

Sibley, of Princeville near Peoria, is the oldest of 500 athletes in the 15th annual Southwestern Illinois Regional Senior Olympics this week.

The competition began Sunday with a ceremony at the Collinsville High School track.

Oscar "Butch" Hartmann Jr. of St. Louis held a flaming bronze-colored torch he carried in the 1994 Olympics Torch Relay through St. Louis. He has used it to open Senior Olympic ceremonies every year since.

A pistol shot marked the official opening, and the games began. Sibley, a crowd favorite, was ready for his eight events. The spy runner came in last in the 50-yard dash, but was undaunted. Sibley said his son, Richard, signed them both up for the first time for the Senior Olympics in 1979.

They tried 10 events and each won 10 medals. Now, 14 years later, "I've won hundreds of them," Sibley said, "and I outlasted my son."

The son who talked him into competing no longer runs but has become his coach.

The elder Sibley plans to attend the national Senior Olympics in Baton Rouge, La., in June. "One of the reasons we're here," said Richard Sibley, "is to establish 95 as a record for people to follow."

Age levels are in increments of five years, he explained, and there is a dearth of competition in higher age groups. Guy Sibley said 15 athletes are expected to compete in the 90 and older groups in Baton Rouge.

Richard Sibley said his father will return next year for qualifying events for the national competition, which draw an even larger attendance. Guy Sibley isn't so sure. "I feel like I'm falling," he said. The former farmer, construction worker and road crew supervisor "has retired five times," his son said.

"A few weeks ago, he was talking about finding another job" when he isn't playing poker or pinocle, his son said.

Like Sibley, all the older athletes have stories to tell of how they overcame inertia to find a new lifestyle in fitness.

William Welch of Banker Hill, 77, competing in the 1,500-meter walk, said he started exercising to regain his strength after an accident, and he became hooked.

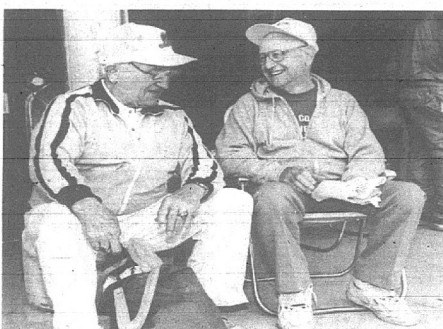
"I've won a medal every year since 1982," he said. He practices at the high school track, which is better than running country roads as he once did.

"I'm very thankful just to make it around the track," he said. "This gives you a lift that flows out of your fingertips."

Charmaine Sobkowski, 57, of Edwardsville has been competing just three years, but holds a record in the discus, set at last year's World Senior Games in St. George, Utah.

"It is 87 feet 4 1/2 inches," she said proudly.

At this year's regional games, she is race walking, high jumping and throwing the



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Taking a break during the Senior Olympics competition are Jim Campbell of Granite City, left, and Angelo "Banjo" Suarez of Fairmont City.

discus. Sports have always been important to Sobkowski. "I've always been athletic," she said. "I enjoy athletics. They keep me in good health. I have high blood pressure and high cholesterol. This has helped a lot."

She formerly pitched on a women's softball team and credits that with her success at throwing the discus.

It is not all work, though. "What's fun is meeting friends from other districts," she said. Emily Coffin, a director of the Senior Olympics and a coordinator in the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville office of continuing education, said the Senior Olympics are important.

"They are important, not only for competition, but for camaraderie. Also, seniors are getting more health conscious. They are concerned with physical well-being. This gives them a reason to stay in shape."

The events are open to participants 55 and up, and will continue through next Saturday.

Some events will be at Vandalia Center and the University Center at SIUE and the YMCA and Kettle River Racquet Club in Edwardsville. Competition ranges from track and field events to horseshoes, casting, basketball games and free throws to table tennis, swimming and bowling.

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Public Notice 33012

NOTICE OF CLOSURE No. 698

A plan to close the Tarmacor Industries, Inc. ("Tarmacor"), aerial-welding, storage tank located at 1200 16th Street, Granite City, Illinois, has been submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), pursuant to Subpart C of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 725.

Tarmacor Industries, Inc. is a manufacturer of lead, lead containing and non-lead metal fabricated products—shot, solder, lead-free solders, lead containing and non-lead containing industrial alloys, and lead shielding. The facility will remain open during and following the closure of its hazardous waste storage tank.

At this time the IEPA is also requesting that the facility provide information concerning the proposed closure of the plant or provide information on the release at any time of hazardous waste constituents from the facility, within 30 days of the first publication date of this notice. Written comments must be addressed to the IEPA, Office of Community Relations, Attn: Michelle Nicky-Tebrague, 2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62784-9276.

The site must be closed in accordance with the standards set forth in the Environmental Protection Act, Rev. Stat., Ch. 111 1/2, Pars. 1001 et seq., and regulations adopted thereunder.

An appointment to inspect the proposed closure plan must be made in advance by contacting the Division of Land Pollution Control, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) coordinator at 2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62784-9276, 217-782-0780. Please refer to the closure number under the heading at the top of this advertisement when contacting the FOIA coordinator.

In response to requests or at the discretion of the IEPA, a public hearing may be held to clarify one or more issues concerning the closure plan. Public notice will be issued 30 days before any public hearing.

## 130 attorneys admitted to practice

More than 130 new attorneys from the state's fifth judicial district were admitted to practice in Illinois in ceremonies in Collinsville Tuesday, May 4.

Justice Moses W. Harrison II of the Illinois Supreme Court administered the attorneys' oath at the admissions program. The program was held at Collinsville's Gateway Center.

Nearly 700 candidates qualified to be admitted to the bar statewide that day: 442 in Chicago from the first district; 42 in Springfield from the third and fourth districts; 78 in Elgin from the second district; and the 132 taking the oath in Collinsville. Justice Harrison welcomed the new attorneys at the start of the Fifth District program, and then recognized the other judges and the two guest speakers on the rostrum.

The latter were President-Elect Tom Lehy of the Illinois State Bar Association and Attorney Joseph A. Power Jr., both of Chicago.

With Justice Harrison on the rostrum were Appellate Court Justice Philip J. Karick, Circuit

Judges Terrence J. Hopkins of Franklin County; William G. Schwartz of Jackson County and Patrick F. McLaughlin of Richland County; and Associate Circuit Judges Ellar Duff and Lola P. Maddox, both of Madison County.

The ISBA held a reception immediately after the ceremony.

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When a divorced woman remarries, she will sometimes wish to change her child's name from that of the father to that of the stepfather. A mother may seek this name change for her child because the child finds it embarrassing to have a different last name than his mother. The question frequently arises as to what rights the natural father has if he opposes the name change.

Illinois law provides that a minor's last name shall be changed only when the court finds that the change is in the best interests of the minor. The person seeking a name change in these circumstances would have to show by "clear and convincing evidence" that the change was necessary to serve the best interest of the child. The relevant factors to be used in determining the best interest of the child include the wishes of the parents, the wishes of the child, the interaction and interrelationship of the child with his or her parents, and the child's adjustment to his or her home, school and community.

In one recent case, a woman and her husband were divorced in 1976. The mother was awarded custody of their daughter, and four years later she remarried. In 1987 the mother

petitioned the court on behalf of her daughter to have the daughter's last name changed to that of the stepfather. The girl was 12 years old at the time her mother instituted these proceedings, and her natural father vigorously opposed the name change.

At the hearing, the 12-year old girl testified that she wanted to change her last name so that she could have the same last name as her stepbrothers. She also testified that she loved her stepfather and that she desired to have his last name. She told the judge that she had been thinking about changing her name for almost two years. The trial court granted the petition for change of name based primarily on the expressed preference of the 12-year old girl.

The natural father appealed the decision. The Appellate Court affirmed the decision of the trial court, indicating that there was no evidence that the child was coerced into seeking a name change. The Court noted that the child was 12 years old at the time of the hearing, and her desire to change her name was apparently a product of years of thought on her part.

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## Obituaries

### Harvey Williamson

Harvey "Zeke" Williamson, 67, of Dupu died Tuesday, May 4, 1993, in Creve Coeur, Mo. He was born July 13, 1925, in Dupu.

An ironworker for Monsanto Chemical Co. in Sauget for 38 years before his retirement, he was a World War II Merchant Marine veteran and a member of Sugarloaf Sportsman's Club in East St. Louis.

Survivors include his mother, Elsie (Kneezel) Williamson; three sons, Kenny and Dennis Williamson, both of Columbia, and David Williamson of Granite City; one daughter, Kathy Land of Columbia; one brother, James Williamson of Dupu; one sister, Juanita Blaylock of North Dupu; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Jean (Robinson) Williamson, who died June 19, 1992, one son, Charles Joseph Williamson; his father, Zomer Elmer Williamson; one brother, Glenn Williamson; and two sisters, Betty Wilson and Helen Overley.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. Friday at Dasher Funeral Home, 400 S. Main St., Dupu. Services are set for 10 a.m. Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Dupu, with the Rev. Robert Dollar officiating. Burial will be at Valhalla Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial services requested for Hospice of Southern Illinois.

### Kenneth Campbell

Kenneth Campbell, 23, of the Madison area, died Friday, April 23, 1993, in Japan while serving in the U.S. Navy.

He was born July 17, 1969, in Madison and had been a life-long resident of the Metro East area.

He was in the Navy for the past five years and was a member of the Southern Baptist Church in Madison.

Survivors include his parents, George Henry Gamble Jr. and Lenora (Robinson) Gamble; three brothers, George Gamble III, Jeremiah Gamble and Marcus Gamble; and an aunt, Mrs. Linda Turner of Madison.

Services were held at 11 a.m. today at the Southern Baptist Church, Springfield, by the Rev. Edward Williamson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be at the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

It came as a total shock. "I thought we were having a good year, with the pool referendum on, and..."

While Kessel did not blame the decision on politics, he didn't rule out politics.

"Trying to please five bosses is a nearly impossible thing to do. When you go into a job and involve politics, eventually you're going to get burned," Kessel said, noting that three of the board's five commissioners were very active in the recent mayoral race in the city.

"I try to stay out of politics. The only active campaigning I have ever done was for the pool bond issue, but not getting involved in politics has nothing to do with it," Kessel said.

Born in Belleville, Kessel came to the district from Muscatine, Iowa, where he had served as recreation supervisor of the Muscatine Parks and Recreation District for five years.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in recreation from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

He said he has no immediate employment plans and would like to stay in Granite City.

"My (two) kids love it here. We don't want to move," he said.

In addition to his park responsibilities, Kessel has been active as a volunteer coach for youth sports teams in the area.

tery, St. Louis County. Arrangements by the City Funeral Home, East St. Louis.

### Clara Bromann

Clara Lina (Valentin) Bromann, 92, of San Diego a former resident of Granite City, died Wednesday, April 21, 1993, at Care With Dignity Convalescent Center, San Diego, where she had resided for five years.

Born Oct. 16, 1900, in Germany, she was a resident of Granite City for 63 years. She was a homemaker, a member of the Greater Beneficial Union, and was of the Lutheran faith.

Survivors include one son, William F. Bromann of San Diego.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William C. Bromann, who died in 1984; one son; and her parents, Adolf and Hulda Valentin.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. today at Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville by the Rev. David Fielding. Arrangements are by Mercer Mortuary, Granite City.

### James Gromer

James P. Gromer, 73, of Granite City died at 2:18 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a one-year illness. He was born Aug. 19, 1919, in York, Pa.

He retired from Nooter Corp. in 1974 as a welder. He served in the Navy in World War II and was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include two sons, Walter Westbrook of Granite City and Ronald Westbrook of St. Louis; three daughters, two in Maryland, three in California; Barbara Hartman of Tulsa, Okla., and Debbie Maurice of Bed Fork, Ohio; one sister, Grace Gordon of Collinsville; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby L. (Johnson) Gromer, who died April 17, 1983; and his parents, John and Alice Gromer, who died in 1971.

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## Selph

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Nick Petrillo voted for confirmation. Selph said the one failed confirmation vote didn't disturb him.

"I didn't take it as anything personal. It was just a difference of opinion," Selph said.

The only other of Selph's appointments that failed to gain unanimous approval was Edward "Dewey" Melton, who was nonetheless confirmed for reappointment to the Fire and Police Board by an 8-0 vote.

A belated appointment earlier this year by then-mayor Von Dee Cruse to reappoint Melton to the post failed when the City Council refused to confirm the appointment. While Melton's term

expired almost a year ago, no replacement was named nor was he presented for reappointment until early this year.

Melton had been serving on a temporary basis since the failed confirmation vote.

Voting to confirm Melton's appointment were Fisk, Skubish, Miller, Parney, Tarpo, Asadorian, Patrice, Petro, Whitaker, Milton, Candler, Crites, Affolter and Frederick voted in the minority.

Other appointees, all of whom received unanimous council approval, were:

City Attorney Leo Konzen, who replaces Mark Goldenberg; Assistant City Attorneys Brian Konzen and Ed Fitzhenry, who were reappointed; Assistant City Attorney Scott Griffith, who replaces Sue Bacon.

Police Chief Jim Lengyel, replacing Don Knight, who retired; Fire Chief Keith Talley, replacing Jerry Wallace, who also retired; Vice Scrum, replacing as city inspector; Glen Hollis, appointed to replace Gene McGovern as assistant building inspector.

Terry Kelahan, reappointed as superintendent of the Sewage Treatment Plant; Alice, David Williams, reappointed as neighborhood improvement coordinator.

Selph said he would fill the remaining appointive positions at the next City Council meeting May 18.

Alderman Juanita Crawley was absent from Tuesday's meeting.

## Truck

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at the March 23 meeting, said \$39,000 could be financed over a 10-year period at a reasonable rate and a newer truck would be a better deal for the city in the long run.

Ervin said he agreed that the city would be better off with a new or newer truck, but said the city has had the current truck on a "trial basis" for more than a month now and the city needed to either buy it or give it back.

He added that, since the borrowed truck was only one on the street, giving it back would mean no garbage pickups until another truck was purchased.

Terrell and Franklin asked if it would be possible to get an older truck, such as a 1980, to buy this used truck with the understanding the city can get full value for it as a trade-in or new or newer truck in the near future.

"The man is in the business of selling new trucks, so I don't think that would be a problem," Ervin said. "But I don't see a new truck, we will have to go out for bids and this guy may not get the bid."

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Mayor Tyrone Echols said the city, by a two-thirds vote, could forgo the bidding process in an emergency situation.

"And if we can't pick up our garbage, it's an emergency. I don't think there is any argument about that point," Echols said.

Echols said, however, that the city has been carrying \$400,000 debt that "predates Mayor Echols or any of you all" and that the city's borrowing position is far from ideal.

Echols said the only other alternative was to raise taxes and save he wasn't sure the citizens of the city are ready to pay more taxes.

"Frankly, I'm speaking strictly personally. I'm willing to pay more taxes if my garbage is getting picked up regularly."

Echols said it was apparent that the majority of the aldermen wanted to go ahead and purchase the \$16,500 truck, but suggested Ervin might want to go ahead and see what kind of deal or agreement he could get from the dealer regarding a future trade-in.

Echols added that it might "behave" Ervin and the Street Committee to get out and price some new and used garbage

management Financing District for the city.

The aldermen voted March 23 to approve formation of a TIF district to finance the new garbage truck.

The committee find a suitable expert to represent the interests of the city in the TIF agreement.

Franklin, a member of the committee, said the committee has not yet contacted everyone it felt it should. He said the committee would be able to finish its work on applications for the next City Council meeting.

The other aldermen agreed to wait for the committee's final report.

Echols reminded all of the aldermen about the public hearing May 18 on applications for federal community development block grants through Madison County Community Development.

He said the aldermen should get together and discuss the grants and come up with ideas about how they want the money used.

Echols said there are restrictions on what kind of projects are eligible for community development funds, but said "Fortunately, or unfortunately, our situation makes us eligible for almost everything."

Franklin asked if he could get a copy of the guidelines for the grants so he could go through his own and identify projects where the money could be used.

Echols said that was a good idea and suggested that all the other aldermen do the same.

Franklin asked about the city's current demolition program that is funded by community development funds through Venice Township. He said that, while it is a good program, it would be nice to "use the community development funds this year to fix something up rather than just tear things down."

Echols said the new grants

trucks. Alderman John Henry Williams said the problem is not the garbage trucks, but the fact that the city garage isn't taking care of them.

"I don't care if we get a 1990 truck, if you don't put oil in it the engine is going to blow up," Williams said.

Alderman Henry Fletcher suggested that the city garage start rebuilding the engine in the broken truck so that the city can have it as a backup.

Echols said that, despite all the "muzzing" about what the city garage "has and hasn't done," the aldermen should let the city get 11 years out of any piece of equipment that operates every day, you're doing all right," Echols said.

But Echols said the city garage crew should start logging maintenance and suggested that the aldermen who think someone needs to be looking over the shoulders of the mechanics "go and look over their shoulders."

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### Charles Jolly

Charles "Buster" Jolly, 75, of Granite City died at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, 1993, at his home. He had been ill for six months.

Born Nov. 19, 1917, in Vanduser, Mo., he lived in Granite City for 55 years. He was retired and had worked for 35 years as a boiler-maker at St. Louis Metalizing Co. He was a member of Bolismakers Local 27. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and of the Pentecostal faith.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred G. (Agers) Jolly, whom he married in June 1950; three sons, Raymond Duval of St. Louis, N.J., Michael Jolly of Miami, Fla., and Brian Jolly of Granite City; two daughters, Barbara Hunt of Lincoln, Neb., and Patricia Harper of Granite City; two brothers, Raymond Jolly and James Jolly, both of Clarksville, Tenn.; three sisters, Jeanette Marshall of Sikeston, Mo., Juanita Martin of Mount Vernon, Ill., and Jewel Agers of Granite City; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harvey C. Jolly and Fonia V. (Cries) Jolly.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. today (Thursday) at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3838 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Werner Chapel with Rev. Eddie Linhart presiding. Burial will be at St. John's Cemetery in Granite City.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Granite City.

## Park

(Continued from Page 1A)

the district needed to take "a more aggressive attitude." Kessel, 32, was hired by the district in 1985 by a 5-0 vote of the board.

As director, Kessel had responsibility to administer the district's \$1.3 million budget and to supervise 15 full-time permanent employees and hundreds of other part-time employees.

Kessel said he was "totally surprised" when the Park Board let him know of its decision following a special meeting held in closed session Monday night.

"They called at about 8 p.m. and said that I was not going to be brought up for re-appoint-

ment. It came as a total shock. "I thought we were having a good year, with the pool referendum on, and..."

While Kessel did not blame the decision on politics, he didn't rule out politics.

"Trying to please five bosses is a nearly impossible thing to do. When you go into a job and involve politics, eventually you're going to get burned," Kessel said, noting that three of the board's five commissioners were very active in the recent mayoral race in the city.

"I try to stay out of politics. The only active campaigning I have ever done was for the pool bond issue, but not getting involved in politics has nothing to do with it," Kessel said.

Born in Belleville, Kessel came to the district from Muscatine, Iowa, where he had served as recreation supervisor of the Muscatine Parks and Recreation District for five years.

He holds a bachelor of science degree in recreation from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

He said he has no immediate employment plans and would like to stay in Granite City.

"My (two) kids love it here. We don't want to move," he said.

In addition to his park responsibilities, Kessel has been active as a volunteer





Kara Smith  
and Allen Kujawa

## Smith-Kujawa

Kara Ann Smith, daughter of Donald and Jennifer Smith of Granite City, and Allen T. Kujawa, son of Daniel and Margaret Kujawa of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Smith, of Granite City, is a 1992 graduate of Granite City High School and is currently attending Belleville Area College for a degree in business administration.

Kujawa is a 1989 graduate of Granite City High School and is employed by steel works of Granite City as an assistant operator.

They are planning a June 11, 1994, wedding at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City.



Charlotte Thull  
and James Schmieg

## Thull-Schmieg

Theresa Thull of Springfield and James Eric Schmieg of Alton announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Judy and Larry Hulskotter of Vandalia. She is a 1984 graduate of Ramsey High School and a 1988 graduate of Millikin University. She is employed as a senior cost accountant at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield.

The groom is the son of Marvin and Viola Schmieg of Granite City. He is a 1980 graduate of Granite City South High School. He has been employed since 1984 with Hilti Inc., working at Laclede Steel Company in Alton.

The couple is planning a fall wedding.



Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ropac  
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## Ropac - 50 years

Mike and Betty Ropac celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 10, 1993, with a dinner for immediate family members at Brenda's Restaurant in Granite City.

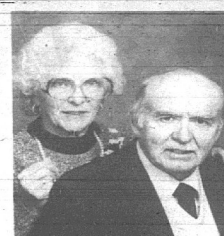
Ropac and the former Betty Mortensen were married in a civil ceremony in Milwaukee, Wis., on April 10, 1943.

He is retired from National Lead Co., where he worked for 30 years. Mrs. Ropac is retired from Ropac Interior Decorating after 25 years.

They are the parents of two: Mollie Beck of Granite City and Mike Ropac of Palm Springs, Calif. There are six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Ropacs are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Granite City and both enjoy golfing, bowling and gardening.

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## Births

**Mariah Ashlynn Mathis**  
Rick and Lynne Mathis of Granite City announce the birth of their first child, a girl, Mariah Ashlynn. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, at birth at 7:31 p.m. on April 4, 1993, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center.

Maternal grandparents are Richard Rosales of St. Ann, Mo., and Cleta Rosales of Bridgeton, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Glen and Betty Mathis of Granite City.

**Anthony Ryan Gibson**  
Steven Gibson and Elizabeth Rudy of Granite City announce the birth of their first child, a boy, Anthony Ryan Gibson. He weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces, at birth at 9:32 p.m. on April 13, 1993, at Barnes Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Stan and Cathy Rudy of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Kenny Gibson of Granite City and Connie Gibson of Florissant.

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**Tina Lynn Case, daughter of J. Mac and Karen Case of Marshfield, Mo., and Michael Thomas Loftus, son of William and Patricia Loftus of Granite City, have announced their engagement.**

Case, of Marshfield, will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in elementary education

from Southwest Missouri State University.

Loftus is a 1992 graduate of St. Louis College of Pharmacy. He is employed by St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Mo., as a registered pharmacist.

The couple is planning a May 15, 1993, wedding at Marshfield Christian Church in Marshfield.



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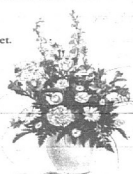
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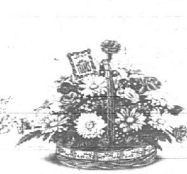
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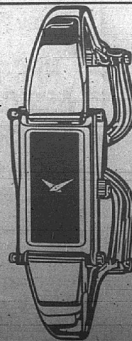
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# Sports

## Granite City's Jon Duft taking long game to Lincoln College

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

Sharing Jon Duft's athletic abilities was never a problem for the golf and basketball teams at Granite City High School — a situation that is apparently just as welcome at Lincoln College.

Duft signed last week with the National Junior College Athletic Association school, where he will play both golf and basketball beginning next fall.

"We've got him for both," said Mike Riley, the Lincoln College golf coach. "He's already a three-point specialist in basketball, and now he's going to be one in golf. I'd like to see him take three and go on to the next hole."

Duft, who helped the Warrior golf team qualify for the state tournament for the first time in school history last fall, went on

to lead the basketball team in scoring and 3-point field goals. Duft said he is looking forward to attending Lincoln College, where he will major in business.

"I'm pretty excited about going up there," Duft said. "I think it will be a good experience for me."

Duft will join one of his former Granite City teammates, Joe Brewer, at Lincoln. Brewer plays for the golf team and will be a sophomore next fall.

Last fall, Brewer led the Lynx to a NJCAA regional championship. The Lynx earned the right to compete in the NJCAA Division I tournament, which will be held this summer.

The golf team is only in its seventh year, but Riley has led the Lynx to three straight regional titles and a finish among the top 20 teams nationally the past two years.

"It's a good program," Duft said. "I'm going to work real hard this summer and try to earn a spot up there."

Riley has three returning sophomores, including Brewer. He said five other freshmen will join Duft next fall.

"I feel like we have a pretty good nucleus," Riley said. "It will be up to the freshmen to see who steps in."

"We're real excited about having (Duft). I think he's got a great future ahead of him."

Duft was one of the keys to the Warrior golf team's run to the state tournament last fall. He made the Metro East Golf Coaches Association's all-area second team.

During basketball season, Duft quickly earned a starting position after displaying his shooting range. With little varsity experience, Duft went on to average 14

points per game and shoot near the 40-percent mark from 3-point range.

Duft said he realizes the workload will increase in college, but he looks forward to the challenge.

"I know it will be more work, but I think I can handle it," Duft said.

Besides Brewer, Duft might run into some other familiar faces at Lincoln College. Riley has lined up two other Metro East golfers who excelled last fall: Highland's Adam Jacoby and Civic Memorial's Matt Halliday.

Riley said he has been impressed with the talent he has recruited from southern Illinois. He said he hopes to add more athletes like Brewer and Duft.

"We're pleased with both of them," Riley said. "I think coach (Russ) Chappell has done an excellent job with his team."



Duft  
Two-sport hopeful

### Schedule

**Thursday, May 6**  
TRACK: Madison boys at O'Fallon; Belzys, 2:30 p.m.; Granite City girls at Southeastern Conference meet, Belleville East, 4 p.m.  
GIRLS SOCCER: Granite City at Hazelwood Central, 4 p.m.  
TENNIS: Wood River at Granite City, 4 p.m.  
BASEBALL: Belleville East at Granite City (BHV), 4:15 p.m.  
SOFTBALL: Granite City at Belleville East, 4:15 p.m.

**Saturday, May 8**  
TENNIS: Granite City vs. Alton, Civic Memorial, at Alton, 9 a.m.  
TRACK: Granite City boys at Collinsville Invitational, 11 a.m.  
**Monday, May 10**  
GIRLS SOCCER: Granite City at Collinsville, 5:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, May 11**  
TRACK: Madison girls vs. Collinsville, Edwardsville, Cahokia, Collinsville, 4 p.m.  
BASEBALL: Granite City at Belleville West, 4:15 p.m.  
SOFTBALL: Belleville West at Granite City, 4:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, May 12**  
GIRLS SOCCER: Alton at Granite City, 4:30 p.m.

## Lady Warriors seeded No. 1; injury bug hits

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

Lady Warrior soccer coach Gene Baker received some good news this week when his team was awarded the top seed in the Springfield Sacred Heart-Griffin Class AA Sectional.

But there was some bad news as well. Injuries are starting to add up for Baker's team, which will play at Hazelwood Central today at 4 p.m.

"It's been the walking wounded," Baker said. "We're really limited right now, and we'll be moving people around."

The Lady Warriors defeated Duchesne 1-0 on Monday, with Staci Dowdy scoring her team's only goal. It was a physical contest that left the Lady Warriors with several injuries.

Baker said Amy Henson, Ann Logan, Jill Haddix are all out for today's game. In addition, Brooke Bjorkman has tendinitis, and Michelle Knox and Holly Farnsworth are also questionable for the game against Hazelwood Central.

Granite City and Hazelwood Central are two of the top teams in the area. The Hawks and the Lady Warriors came into this week ranked No. 4 and No. 5 respectively in the area Journal poll.

Both teams played at the St. Dominic Tournament last week. The Lady Warriors exited after struggling to a 1-2 mark in their bracket, and the Hawks lost the title game in two overtime periods against Francis Howell North.

"I really look forward to playing them," Baker said. "They have a real good program."

Baker said Hazelwood Central might also be short-handed today because of injuries. The Hawks have lost one of their key scorers, Kelly Zurmuehlen, to a broken arm. She could (See GIRLS, Page 2B)

## Herman's homer lifts Warriors

### Seventh-inning rally leads Granite City to 8-7 win

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

Bill Herman's leadoff home run in the seventh inning touched off a three-run rally, enabling the Warrior baseball team to hold off Francis Howell North 8-7 Wednesday in St. Charles.

Herman's solo shot, which cleared the 360-foot sign in the left-field power alley, came against Howell North starter Cliff Brandon. It gave the Warriors a 6-5 lead and proved to be the game-winning RBI.

But the game was far from over after Herman's blast. The Warriors took an 8-5 lead before the Knights came back with two runs in the bottom of the seventh.

"I told (Herman) everybody would forget about the homer," said "He stayed back on the curve and really drilled it. That's the kind of hitter he has to be for us."

Granite City's senior designated hitter broke a 3-5 tie and gave the Warriors a shot of confidence. The Warriors needed every run they could get against the Knights, who took a 3-0 lead

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Wendell	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

In the first inning against Granite City starter Joe Ruser. The Warriors were able to stay in the game after tying the score with three runs in the second inning. Besides Herman, Granite City was led offensively by first baseman Mark Wendell. Wendell broke out of a slump with 2-for-3 performance that included three runs batted in.

Right fielder Jeff Ridenour also enjoyed a productive day, going 2-3 with two runs scored.

"We got some key hits, and (See WARRIORS, Page 2B)



Granite City junior Jason Black delivers a pitch in last week's game against Cahokia.

## Defending champion Eagles to begin season on sidelines

### Granite City given M-C bye instead of opener

By Tony Panozzo  
Staff writer

The Mon-Clair Baseball League opens play Sunday with one exception. The defending playoff champion Granite City Eagles, originally scheduled to play Brighton, will have the week off.

That's because Brighton, which enjoyed a successful inaugural year in the league last summer, recently surprised Mon-Clair officials with the announcement that it has folded. To preserve the league schedule that was made up earlier this year, the rest of the teams will have one or two bye weeks.

This week is the Eagles' turn. Granite City's first game will be against league newcomer Festus, Mo., on May 16.

Granite City manager Daren

Schedule		
5/7 BYE		
5/16 FESTUS (2)	1:30 p.m.	
5/23 East St. Louis (2)	1:30 p.m.	
5/29 Millstadt (2)	1:30 p.m.	
6/6 O'Fallon (2)	1:30 p.m.	
6/13 Sangert (2)	1:30 p.m.	
6/20 BROOKLYN (2)	1:30 p.m.	
6/27 EDWARDSVILLE (2)	1:30 p.m.	
7/4 Waterloo (2)	1:30 p.m.	
7/11 East Alton (2)	1:30 p.m.	
7/18 All-Star game at Waterloo	8 p.m.	
7/25 Waterloo (2)	1:30 p.m.	
7/28 Valmeyer (2)	1:30 p.m.	
7/30 Waterloo	7:30 p.m.	
8/1 BYE		
8/8 EAST ALTON (2)	1:30 p.m.	

Home games in ALL CAPS. — Non-league games.

DePew said while he knows little about Festus, the rest of the

league is still questioning why Brighton decided to fold.

"It was a shock," DePew said. "They were one of the most organized teams in the league. They had been to all the meetings, and they had a real good ballclub."

"I've heard Festus plays good baseball, but I don't know how they'll play in the Mon-Clair League."

DePew had the same questions about his team before last year started, but not for long. After enduring a season of misfortune in 1991, the Eagles turned it around in dramatic fashion last year and won the Mon-Clair title.

Granite City finished with a league-worst 6-16 record two years ago. Last year, they finished the regular season 16-8 and (See EAGLES, Page 3B)

## Warrior netters shut out Waterloo

By R.J. Gerber  
Staff writer

It wasn't exactly what Granite City tennis coach Allen Lobdell wanted for his team at this point in the season, but the Warriors' 9-0 victory over Waterloo on Tuesday did push their winning streak to five matches.

Granite City wasn't challenged by an outmanned Bulldog squad, as the Warriors posted a shutout. Granite City moved to 1-2 for the season, while Waterloo fell to 1-6.

Granite City senior Jack Carmody got things started, toppling Tim Keefe 6-2, 6-2 at No. 1 singles. Freshman Joe Markel cruised at No. 2 singles, beating Jason Seiders 6-1, 6-4. Senior Sunil Kumar was victorious against Nathan Bode at No. 3 singles, winning 6-4, 6-3.

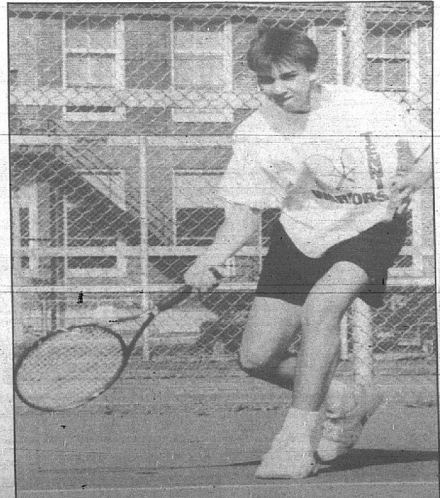
But Lobdell, while welcoming the opportunity for his team to play someone besides itself, wasn't that impressed.

"Waterloo's down this year and this was another one of those matches," Lobdell said. "The kids need to be pushed at this time of the year with the (Southwestern) Conference and the sectional coming up."

The Warriors' Chris Mitchell, who dropped a tough three-set match last week at Collinsville, came back and posted a straight-set win — but it wasn't that easy.

After blowing by Brett Gross in the first set, 6-1, Mitchell was down 5-1 in the second set before rallying for a 7-5 win. The second set seems to be a bit difficult for Mitchell at times, he said.

"I don't know what it is," the sophomore said. "Sometimes I start hitting with top spin and I can't figure it out. Almost every match that's close, that happens. But then I started to hit the ball like I did in the first set."



Granite City's Joe Markel returns the ball. Markel, a freshman, won his No. 2 singles match Tuesday.

Mitchell said the Warriors' confidence is increasing with each match they win.

"We're really happy so far," he said. "We should only have one more tough match (against Alton). I got more confident after I went to school at Park. I've learned a lot since last

## Patton to be presented with GCHS scholar-athlete award

Granite City High School senior Marc Patton will join an elite group of student-athletes next week during the 1993 high school scholar-athlete banquet in St. Louis.

Patton, the son of Greg and Janis Patton, was voted to represent GCHS by the school's head coaches and administrators. He and one student-athlete from each of the rest of the St. Louis-area high schools will be honored at a banquet May 13 at Union Station in downtown St. Louis.

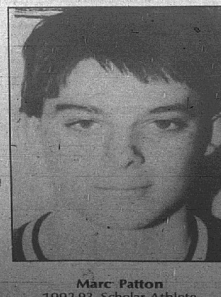
Patton has succeeded in both academics and athletics during his four years at GCHS. He has played soccer, basketball and

baseball. He will also receive the Pat Rich scholar award, given each year along with the scholar-athlete award.

"It's a great honor for him," said Greg Patton, Marc's father and the Granite City athletic director. "It's really nice, especially when you consider all the kids that went into it."

The award recognizes outstanding achievement by a student who excels on and off the field. This spring, Patton has played second base for the Warrior baseball team.

Patton will attend the banquet next week along with his parents and Warrior baseball coach Bob (See PATTON, Page 2B)



Marc Patton  
1992-93 Scholar-Athlete

(See TENNIS, Page 3B)







## Eagles

(Continued from Page 1B)

peaked during the playoffs. The Eagles defeated East Alton in two games for the title.

"We had a very good year," DePew said. "We struggled a little at the beginning, but once we got everything together we got rolling."

"We're going in with the same attitude we had last year. We've got a good ballclub. We haven't done much to improve ourselves, but we feel like we have a good nucleus. The lineup's not going to be a whole lot different."

The batting order will still feature Tim and Jamie Hogan near the top. They will be back along with DePew, John Moad and possibly Joe Wallace, now playing at Oklahoma State.

DePew is hoping to have another mainstay from last year, Brian Harshany, back on the team. The Southern Illinois-Edwardsville third baseman supplied power along with DePew, Moad and Wallace last year.

"We're looking forward to having him if we've got him," DePew said of Harshany. "We don't have a problem scoring runs. With the Hogs, we can run a little bit, and get the offense going."

Other players who are likely to contribute include Mark Tervier,

Jamie Needham and Mike Nordstrom. The Eagles could also have college players Ryan Reeves and Drake Marshall.

The pitching staff will be led once again by Darin Hendrickson, who is now coaching baseball at Bunker Hill High School. Hendrickson won the team's MVP award last year.

DePew hopes to have Hendrickson and Harshany split the pitching duties. Both took turns leading the Eagles last year.

"Our pitching was real good last year," DePew said. "Harshany impressed a lot of people. We weren't sure how he was going to do, but we knew he had good velocity."

Harshany's breakthrough came during the first half of the season, when he pitched a four-hitter against Waterloo. Granite City and Waterloo were the league's best teams during the regular season, and that could be the case again this summer.

The Eagles are in the North Division along with East St. Louis, East Alton, Edwardsville and Brooklyn. The South Division consists of Waterloo, Sauget, Valmeyer, Millstadt, O'Fallon and Festus.

"We want to have another good year," DePew said. "We have the same nucleus back."



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Warrior senior Sunil Kumar backhands a shot. Kumar cruised to a two-set win over Waterloo's Nathan Bode on Tuesday in Granite City's 9-0 victory.

## Tennis

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The Warriors and Redbirds will face each other in the final match of the afternoon.

"That's where we'll get to see how good we are," Lobdell said. "We're not looking past Bethalto, but they usually don't have the depth for us. Alton's tough, but we're in good enough shape at this time of the season to take them on."

In other action Tuesday, Oia Sternerberg won 6-4, 6-4 over Jeremy Hauptfleisch at No. 5 singles and Jason Smith beat Fernando Valero by the same count at No. 6.

In doubles competition, the No. 1 team of Carmody and Sternerberg topped Keefe and Gross 6-4, 6-4, while Markel and Kumar won 6-0, 6-1 against Seiders and Bode at No. 2. Mitchell and Smith bested Valero and Craig Reams at No. 3 6-0, 6-2.

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**Mitchell champs** — The Mitchell Athletic Club's boys basketball fifth and sixth grade championship team was recently awarded with trophies. Bottom row, from left: Dustin Rosenberg, Bobby Hosslet. Middle: Steve Hendrickson, Francis Aponte, Jared McMillian. Top: Coach Dave Rosenberg, Brandon Williams, Michael Williams, Matt Pistorius, Andy Ronk, coach Mike Williams.



The Mitchell Athletic Club's girls basketball title team consisted of (front, from left): Cassie Reeder, Deidre Rosenberg, Emily Falter; (top) coach Dave Rosenberg, Joi McNeish, Leighann Worthen, Jessica Stratman, Erica Bruckman.

## Granite City Wrestling Club qualifies eight

Eight members of the Granite City Wrestling Club recently qualified for the Northern Plains tournament, which will be held June 9-12 at Rochester, Minn. The qualifying tournament was held in Peoria last month. In freestyle competition, the Granite City wrestlers who qualified were Patrick Feigenbutz, George Kirgan, Kevin Venne, Gary Oxford, Tim Fulkerson, Jeff Estrada and Chris Janek. Feigenbutz, Kirgan, Venne, Oxford, Cox and Estrada all captured first place in their respective age groups, while Fulkerson and Janek placed second. Justin Hale, David Thompson, Nick Campbell, Kevin Feigenbutz and John Venne all placed but did not qualify.

## Sign-ups for Baker camp being accepted

Entries are now being taken for Gene Baker's Warrior Kicker Camp soccer clinic this summer. The clinic will be held at the girls' varsity field from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. June 14-18. The camp will be run by high school and college coaches, and the cost is \$110. For more information, call Baker at the high school (451-5806) or at home (314-355-2474).

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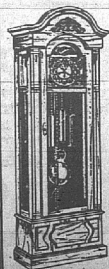


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## District garden clubs hold annual meeting here

The District V Garden Clubs held their 41st annual meeting March 25 at St. John's United Church of Christ in Granite City. The Garden Study Garden Club was the host club. The host club welcomed the members and guests with rolls and coffee prior to the meeting. Foliage houseplants were used as centerpieces on the tables and packages of seeds and pocket calendars were the favors.

The overall attendance of 73 members and guests represented the following 15 clubs: Cahokia Garden Club, Cloverview Garden Club, Collinsville Garden Club, Creative Gardeners, Edwardsville Garden Club, Fairview Heights Garden Club, Garden Study Garden Club, Green Oaks Garden Club, Holiday Shores Garden Club, Lakeview Garden Club, Mascoutah Garden Club, St. Clair County Garden Club, Shiloh Valley Garden Club, Trenton Turnbuckles and Wood River Area Garden Club. Honored guests were Judy Schafersak, President of the Garden Clubs of Illinois Inc. and her husband, Dale.

Mary Mang, president of the host club gave the welcoming address, with the response by Carol Holbert, vice chairman of the district. District Director

Gerry Thorp presided over the meeting. Each club president and committee chairman reported the highlights of their activities during the year. Thorp gave the director's report. Holbert gave a memorial service for two deceased members, Dorothy McMullen and Juanita Roman. Mary Muentnich presented the district 1992-93 history book to Thorp. During the chairmen reports two outstanding achievements were noted — Edwardsville Garden Club has 10 members, and a high total of 18, 210 bulbs were planted by the club. Virginia Kaufhold, awards chairman announced the 13 clubs that submitted year books each received a blue ribbon and the eight clubs that submitted history books each received a blue ribbon.

Schafersak installed the following officers for the coming year: Gerry Thorp, director; Carol Holbert, vice chairman; Sue Beach, recording secretary; Marion Cadwallader, corresponding secretary; Ruth Phillips, treasurer; and Mary Muentnich, historian. Schafersak also presented an outstanding flower arranging program "Here Comes Spring Again" creating springtime wreaths, wall hangings and arrangements — a

very talented floral designer.

Nina Dix announced the awards for artistic designs by club members: Class 1 — "The Wonders of Springtime," (advanced) — Virginia Kaufhold, blue; Eleanor Dubetz, yellow; (novice) — Edith Richie, blue; Betty Scott, red; Sue Beach, yellow; Class 2 — "A Fresh Beginning," (advanced) — Mary Ellen Lindsey, blue; (novice) — Lucy Woodring, blue; Marion Cadwallader, red; Lucille King, yellow; Esther Searls and Marge Doelger, both received honorable mention.

The following awards were given for horticulture displayed: Clara Winter, three red and one yellow; Marge O'Neill, one blue; Ida Duensing, three red; Audrey Polovich, one blue, one red, and one yellow; Gerry Thorp, one red; Louis Cruise, one red; Lil Heberer, one red; Eleanor Dubetz, one red; Mary Mang, two white; Alice Korita, one blue and two red; Alvina Whitwell, one red; Fern Christian, one yellow; Dorcas Brash, one red; Mary Stonum, two red and one white; Barbara Melton, one red and one yellow; Lucy Woodring, one blue; Maxine Schuetz, one blue and one red; Betty Scott, one red.



**Three named president** — Three Granite City School District 9 teachers serve as president of their respective chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Left to right are Patty Moore, fourth grade teacher at Parkview School, president of Alpha Eta; Connie Balen, special education teacher at Maryville School, president of Beta Eta; and Anita Winters, second grade teacher at Prather School, president of Gamma Epsilon. All recently attended the Lambda state convention in St. Louis. Delta Kappa Gamma is an honorary society of outstanding women educators.

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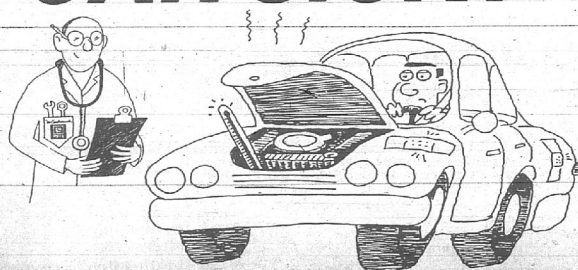


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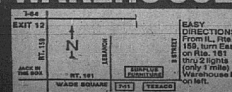
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## Chapter holds anniversary meeting

Attendance prizes went to five persons for a dinner at Charlie's Restaurant. President Walters adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m. with a prayer.

## VFW Post 7451 elects officers

Robert McKinney, a transfer VFW member, was admitted to the post.

## Retired high school teachers meet

Any teacher retired from the high school faculty is welcome to attend the next meeting on Wednesday, October 6.

## VFW Auxiliary elects officers

Installation will be the 22nd of May. The next meeting will be May 12th at 7 p.m. at the VFW 1414 Hall on 7th Street in Madison.

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Tibault, played by Matt Allen of Jerseyville, and Benvolio, played by Sean McGovern of Granite City, accost Romeo (Christian Malmin of Edwardsville) and Mercutio (Chris Johnson of St. Louis) during a rehearsal for Romeo and Juliet at Southern

Illinois University at Edwardsville. The play will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, at the SIUE Communications Building theater. For information, call 692-2774.

## Romeo and Juliet with a twist set at SIUE

Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet will be set in a unnamed war-torn country in an upcoming version of the classic to be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 20-22, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23, all in the Communications Building theater on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Staged by the SIUE department of theater and dance, director William Grivna has set the timeless story against a backdrop of war and strife, an unfortunate phenomenon that he believes could take place anywhere on the globe.

"If I occurred to me that the majority of world news on CNN (Cable News Network) these days seems to be about fighting over

ethnic differences," Professor Grivna said. "The basic plot of the play follows the tale of a daring young couple's passionate impulse to fulfill their love, defying a prejudiced society in which their families are at opposite sides of a long-standing feud."

"I decided to elevate that idea and give it prominence through the telling of Romeo and Juliet, which is about escalation of absurd family rivalries. Most productions focus on the romance, but this story is about two kids who die because of fighting over family names," he said. "The horror of it really comes through when you see that this kind of insanity causes very real deaths of young people. And, right now, it could be in Bosnia."

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Professor Grivna said he has retained Shakespeare's text with a change here and there for clarification and he has had to cut some portions of the play because of the length.

"It's a contemporary, experimental production that we hope will make Shakespeare's story relevant for today," he said.

Tickets for Romeo and Juliet are \$8. senior, SIUE students, faculty and staff, and children under 12 years of age, \$4.50. For reservations, call the SIUE department of theater and dance box office, 692-2774.

## Jesus Jones members concentrate on present

By Alan Sculley  
Correspondent

Two years ago, Jesus Jones scored a breakthrough with the catchy song "Right Here, Right Now" off the album "Doubt." The song's optimistic lyrics found the British dance rockers reveling in the new world order created with the fall of the Berlin Wall and the break-up of the Soviet Union.

But "Right Here, Right Now" could just as easily have been a statement of purpose for Jesus Jones, a group that continues to live in the present tense on its third album, "Perverse."

Each album is a logical progression, really, because we can't stay still," said keyboardist Iain Baker. "Right Here, Right Now" is all about the search for the moment, relating to the moment, singing songs which are about things which are happening now... which is a classic definition of pop music."

"I hate it when bands say we want to write classic songs. I want to write classic songs. I want to write songs which go out of date in six months. And this is what's so glorious about what we're doing, because it forces you to want to go out and improve on what you've done, which is why we've had this process of continual progression."

With "Perverse," Jesus Jones members threw themselves headlong into the here and now by using keyboards, samplers and sequencers and other high-tech instruments and recording the album directly onto a computer at the home of songwriter/singer/band leader Mike Edwards.

"The whole thing about making an album this way is trying to prove to people that you can use computers in a creative way to make sounds which are human sounding, to make guitar sounds which sound as aggressive and powerful as a guitar would normally sound, but in a computer-generated way," Baker said.

Indeed "Perverse" has a few songs that sound perfectly human and conventional, such as the tuneless "The Right Decision." But it also challenges listeners with some fairly alien sounds and textures, like the buzzing opening riffs of "Zeroes And Ones" and "Magazine," or the industrial swashes of "Spiral."

It's an aggressive album that proves dance music, far from

being a repetitive sequence of beats and catch phrase choruses, can be as infectious as pop and still rock with authority.

Jesus Jones have been proving itself to be one of the more inventive bands on the high-tech British dance rock scene since 1988. It was in October of that year when Edwards, while on vacation in Spain with drummer Gen (full name Simon Matthews) and guitarist Jerry De Borg, seized control of their careers. Along with another friend — future Jesus Jones bassist Al Jaworski — they'd been playing music for years, but getting nowhere fast.

Edwards convinced his friends to let him call the shots in the recording of a demo tape containing the song "Info Freako." The tape got the band, soon to also include Edwards' close friend Baker, signed to Britain's Food Records.

"Liquidizer," released in 1989, gave the band a sizable cult following. Then, 1991's "Doubt," spurred by the success of the singles "Right Here, Right Now" and "Real, Real, Real," made the band worldwide stars.

From the moment the "Info Freako" demo got Jesus Jones a record deal, Edwards has been in total control, writing all the band's music and becoming the group's undisputed frontman.

Edwards' reputation as a control freak soon became legend in music circles. While there is considerable truth to that image, there are plenty of misconceptions about roles of the five members of Jesus Jones, Baker said.

"People basically think that the way we turned up on the scene out of nowhere, I think people suddenly thought that we must have been a creation, and Mike must have suddenly (gone) and 'Real, Real, Real' made the band worldwide stars."

"He writes the songs and lyrics, which means he's in control to that certain extent. Baker says that Mike has to be stated that there is a common sort of sense of vision throughout the band. Everybody believes in what he is doing."

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## Stereo MC's offers more than hip-hop music

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Correspondent

Throughout Stereo MC's six-year history, the label "hip hop" generally has gone hand in hand with the group's music. Vocalist Rob B isn't about to deny his hip-hop roots, but he hopes with the album

"Connected," Stereo MC's finally be able to avoid the name-that-style syndrome. "We don't really feel like we fit into any bracket or category," Rob B said. "That's not really what we're about. I mean, musically and socially we're about breaking down those categories, because they're just mind-bumping, really. All they do is hold you back."

"We're just a group and our roots are in hip-hop music and we pay our respects there, because that's how we started out. That's always going to be in our music. But there's a lot more to us as well."

"Connected," the group's third record, does indeed offer much more than hip hop and rap, although these styles, surface strongly on tracks such as the soulful "Everything" and "Sketch." But there's also a strong slice of funk to the tunes "Ground Level" and "All Night Long" and a tip of the hat to soul on tunes like "Playing With Fire" and "Chicken Shake."

It's a stylistic mix that has won Stereo MC's plenty of new fans. The title track, "Connected," has entered the Top 20, and the band has landed the opening slot on Jesus Jones' U.S. tour. But ask Rob B if the album, as some reviewers have suggested, is more accessible, and he's quick to quash any notion that the band holds any overly calculated commercial intentions.

"As far as I can see we've just managed to put our music into a more universal framework," he said. "We've just managed to put something over which was better. 'It was better quality, better music."

We've managed to put lyrics down that people can identify with, all kinds of people. And I think we've done a good record."

Talk of mainstream accessibility aside, Stereo MC's has gone through considerable change and overcome a fair amount of skepticism in achieving its current success.

The group's beginnings can be traced to 1987 when Rob B (Burch is his last name) and his friend since childhood, Nick Hallum (a.k.a. The Head, the band's DJ and remixer) began delving into the world of hip hop. With financing help from two partners, Rob B and The Head formed a record company, Gee St. through which they landed a licensing deal with Island Records in 1988. During this period they also met a DJ named Cesare (pronounced Ches-a-ray), who joined Stereo MC's and played a key role in increasing the band's proficiency in building tracks.

After several early singles, the group debuted in July 1989 with the album "So-Be-78." A longtime friend, drummer Owen If, was recruited to round out the band's live lineup. He has remained with Stereo MC's ever since.

Initially, Stereo MC's approach to hip hop put the group on the fringe of the British scene. "In the beginning, because we didn't sound like any other hip-hop group and we were just starting out and we didn't want to sound American, so we didn't," Rob B said. "At that time most people were sounding American, and all the hip-hop music that was big was American music, so we didn't go down very well to begin with."

"But that's the way it was, and in those days, we were starting out and we weren't as good at what we were doing as we are now," he said. "So to a degree we had to earn our respect and prove to people that we're serious about what we're doing and we're not just jumping, that we're not just some white people jumping on the hip-hop bandwagon."

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No Bargain Tuesday  
Nightly 7:00, 9:30 Sat & Sun. Mats. 1:30, 4:15

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